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## REPORT OF THE BOARD

*To the Commissioner of Education.*

In accordance with the provision of section 14 of chapter 78 of the General Laws, the Board of Free Public Library Commissioners herewith presents its fortieth report, covering the work of the Division of Public Libraries for the year ending November 30, 1929.

## FIELD SERVICE

Each public library must, to a certain extent, formulate its own policies, but the Division of Public Libraries is able to offer advice and aid to all from its wider knowledge of library theory and practice. The Division acts as a clearing house of library information. In its office are books on library organization, statistics on all points of library administration, building plans, lists of books on various subjects, lending collections, and other free material.

To be adequate, however, the advice and help available from the office must be supplemented by personal visits and surveys. This field service is of the utmost importance. This year the Field Library Adviser has spent even more time than usual in the field and has been able to give more systematic and thorough help to the small libraries because the Division has secured the full-time services of one trained and efficient field assistant instead of, as heretofore, depending on half a dozen temporary assistants.

The work in the field presents certain definite objectives in the encouragement and development of existing libraries, the improvement of their resources, facilities and service, and the extension of library privileges to all the people in every town in the state. These objectives are accomplished in various ways, depending upon local needs, funds available, and the aid that the state is authorized to give in each case. The best results are obtained from visits, resulting in a survey of conditions, advice as to future policies, direct personal assistance, and offer of state aid, when possible, in the form of gifts of books or service. When state aid is not available, because of the size or wealth of the town, an estimate of the cost of recommended improvements is made, to be embodied in a request from the library trustees to the town for an appropriation to meet expenses.

Visits are usually made in response to definite calls, and because of the

number of these specific requests annually, many small libraries have not been visited for several years. This year a special effort has been made to reach this latter class and as a result forty-four of the ninety-seven visits made by the Field Library Adviser have been to libraries with which there had been no personal contact for at least five years.

To give in detail the nature of the service rendered in each case is obviously impossible. However, the general method of procedure in reorganizing a library is covered by the following heads:

*Book Collection.* In estimating the value of a library the book collection is of primary significance. Much more important than the number of volumes are their quality and physical condition. Each book is a problem in itself and calls for expert advice. The responsibility of deciding which books should be repaired, rebound, replaced, or discarded is too great for the average librarian of the small library. Public documents, back volumes of bound magazines, gifts of no value to that community, books too soiled or worn to circulate, all must be discarded with discretion. Books to be repaired or rebound are put aside. Lists of those of possible market value are made, to be submitted to a dealer. A record of titles to be replaced is compiled. The removal of useless volumes provides more shelf space, often makes possible a rearrangement of the collection and sometimes cancels the need of additional stacks. The entire collection has been thus surveyed in twenty libraries.

*Children's Department.* These books always require a general cleaning and repairing. Sections are arranged for the state certificate books and other special collections.

*Catalog.* The catalog is revised when necessary and brought up to date. In many cases the cards have been filed under three distinct alphabets—author, title and subject—and must be combined in dictionary form under one alphabet.

*Charging System.* In some libraries the old ledger system is still in use. In others a complicated card system is used, which must be changed to conform with modern methods. In each case the simple, modified Newark system is installed.

*Book Selection.* Methods of book selection and purchase are discussed with the librarian and trustees and special needs emphasized. Suggestive lists are left with the librarian.

*Schools.* Visits are made to the teachers to show them the resources of the library in relation to their courses. Library lessons are given to the pupils if desired and arrangements made for classroom deposits.

*Library Extension.* Plans are made for deposits in outlying districts when it seems feasible to give this service. Much depends on the means of transportation and often the school is the only available center of distribution.

*Publicity.* Suggestions are given for bulletin-board displays and exhibits of various kinds throughout the year and posters and booklets for such exhibits are solicited. Various methods of keeping the library before the public are indicated.

*Rearrangement of Furniture.* A rearrangement of the furniture often results in more efficient administration and adds to the attractiveness of the library.

*Instruction to Librarian.* The librarian is instructed in cataloging and simple methods of keeping records and shown how to continue the policies outlined above.

A report of the work accomplished is given to the trustees with suggestions for future improvement of the service. These recommendations embody the needs of the book collection, indicate the apparent causes of low circulation, and give the general standing of the library. This definite personal assistance usually brings about complete renovation of the library and in many ways improves its service and makes it more efficient.



## SCHOOLS

"The school library looms larger on the horizon of education today than it ever has before. The public library has long been recognized as an integral part of public education, but the need for a good working library as a part of the equipment of individual schools has not been generally emphasized," says an editorial in a recent school number of the *Library Journal*. School libraries in the Commonwealth are developing rapidly as a result of the erection of many new buildings, whose plans always include a library room.

The Division has been fortunate this year in obtaining the services of a field assistant who is also a trained school librarian, and in consequence more school libraries have been helped than in previous years. Thirteen junior high and eighteen senior high school libraries have been visited. Problems of administration and development have been discussed and reports of conditions made with suggestions for improvements.

The greatest obstacle to the growth of school libraries is the lack of funds to increase the book collections and to employ full-time librarians. Eight of the junior high school library visits have been to new buildings. Four of the best planned library rooms had no books on the shelves and were closed. Three of the remaining four had teachers and only one a trained librarian in charge. In fact, the junior high schools tend to sponsor supervised study rather than real library work. As for books, three of the city school libraries visited depend entirely upon gifts. In other libraries, school clubs, organizations entirely outside the school system, and memorial gifts are the only means of adding books. In spite of this condition the library is expected to grow and to have always on hand the material desired. Public libraries are very generous in lending books, but cannot stretch their appropriations so as to supply all the needs of the schools, which are, after all, only a small part of the public which the libraries are expected to serve.

Teacher-librarians, giving only a few hours daily to the library and having no knowledge of library methods, need expert advice. To give them an opportunity to learn these methods the Division has arranged with the Boston University School of Education to add to their course on Sources and References for Teachers a series of lectures and conferences on organizing and developing a library, classification, cataloging, pamphlet and picture files. This series will be given early in 1930. The lecturer, who is the field assistant of the Division, has already visited the teacher-librarians of the class and these meetings will therefore be practical and will tend to solve special and immediate problems.

In spite of all obstacles excellent school libraries are developing. Some librarians are meeting the necessity for assistance by forming a staff of student helpers. Library clubs are another means which are being used to interest the pupils in the library and also to guide their reading.

The conditions found in the school libraries visited this year emphasize again the need of a supervisor of school libraries to give her entire time to this important branch of library work.

*Normal Schools.* Two meetings of the normal school librarians have been held, one in Boston in February and the other in Bridgewater in September. At the latter meeting a committee was appointed to make a survey of the normal school library facilities, to gather the findings into a report, and to suggest an outline of minimum standards to be attained within five years. With the American Association of Teachers Colleges and the American Library Association both studying standards for teacher-training libraries, it seems appropriate that Massachusetts normal school librarians should be working along similar lines. Using all existing standards as a basis, a minimum standard has been adopted and is now being applied in all ten normal school libraries.

The library at Westfield normal school has been moved into a new and attractive room. The librarian has been teaching cataloging the last two

summers at the University of Iowa. The Teacher-Librarian course at Bridgewater has completed its first year with seventy students in the two-year course electing library work. The Westfield and Salem normal school librarians attended the annual meeting of the American Library Association at Washington and rendered a report of it to the group at the Bridgewater conference.

### INSTITUTIONS

Visits have been made by the General Secretary, who is in charge of institution library work, to the Lakeville and North Reading state sanatoria, Norfolk and Charlestown state prisons, the Reformatory for Boys at Concord, and the Hampden County House of Correction. Lists of books for purchase have been made out for the above mentioned institutions and for the Wayside Inn Trade School, the Essex County Industrial School, and the State Industrial School for Girls at Lancaster.

The outstanding institution library development of the year occurred at the State Sanatorium at Lakeville, where cases of tubercular bones are treated. The patients, mostly confined to beds, range in age from three to seventy, with a large number of school children for whom a resident teacher is employed. This teacher, needing books other than text books, called at the office of the Division for help. Knowing that trained service was needed to start the library properly and unable to devote the requisite time herself, the General Secretary employed for a few months Miss Edith Ames, librarian in the neighboring town of Bridgewater, who devoted her one free afternoon each week to the sanatorium. Books and magazines were secured as gifts and from sanatorium funds, book wagons were made, and bed-side service was inaugurated. When the time came for the Division to cease financing the librarian, the library service was so firmly entrenched in the life of the hospital that there was no question of giving it up and Miss Ames was added to the sanatorium staff on a one afternoon a week basis.

The library at North Reading is a different proposition. Here the patients are not confined to bed but are "ambulatory." There is a very fair library in this sanatorium under the care of a house officer. This library was rearranged by the General Secretary, new books suggested, and the state certificate reading introduced in the sanatorium school.

In the prison colony at Norfolk the library circulation is increasing steadily. For the month of November it was nearly two per capita, but the number of readers in the library for that month was 663. This means that an average of 22 of the 138 prisoners in the colony read books, magazines, and papers during the two recreational periods every day. Many of the men here are studying and books have been borrowed for them from the Division's lending collection.

Again the Board of Free Public Library Commissioners emphasizes the two great needs of all institution libraries to be trained library service and an annual budget for the purchase of needed books.

### BOOK SERVICE

*Lending Collection.* The library of adult non-fiction continues to increase rapidly both in numbers and circulation. Nearly twice as many books have been lent from the collection as during last year and approximately six hundred have been borrowed from other libraries to meet special demands. The close of the year finds 226 libraries—public, school and institutional—on record as recipients of loans. A supplementary catalog was printed in September, listing the 750 new volumes added during the year which ended that month.

The service from this department includes a very considerable amount of reference work in finding unknown authors and inexact titles, in estimating the comparative value of given subjects, and in filling vague requests of all sorts.



*Gifts.* The gifts of books for children, made to 58 libraries, have been selected with greater discrimination because of the knowledge of actual conditions and needs gained by the Field Library Adviser in her visits this year to remote villages. Gifts of book lists, periodicals, and material on library administration have been made as usual.

*State Certificate Reading.* Through the continued coöperation of superintendents and teachers, these reading lists are still being used extensively in the rural communities and small towns. The three Sohler collections of books on these lists, given to the Division to supplement the book collections for village libraries, are continually in circulation. The expense of rebinding these volumes is generously borne by The Library Committee.

#### PERSONNEL SERVICE

*Lecture Courses.* Courses in reference work and story telling were given in Springfield and Boston respectively. They were arranged by the Division of Public Libraries, conducted by the Division of University Extension and were attended by 40 assistants from 23 libraries.

*Institutes.* The annual Institute for Librarians was held at the Fitchburg normal school with a registration of 55 librarians and trustees from 41 towns. This year more stress than usual was laid on cataloging, classification, and book selection, with especial emphasis on community service. A survey of the library facilities and needs of her town was made by each librarian on maps provided by the Division; this was followed by a general discussion of local conditions and various methods to be used to improve the book service.

A Round Table on library problems was held at Lenox in connection with the fall meeting of the Massachusetts Library Club, with village librarians only in attendance.

*Registration.* The usual examination was held for library candidates. Thirty-seven positions have been filled on the Board's recommendation.

#### WORK WITH THE FOREIGN-BORN

*Extension Work.* Regional meetings in the interest of work with the foreign-born have been arranged in Boston, New Bedford, Adams and Holyoke. The Division's representative coördinated the work of five state organizations sponsoring these meetings, and of local libraries, Americanization departments and schools, and clubs coöperating with the state agencies. Two of the meetings were devoted to discussion of the foreign-born who were locally represented and of books about their background; at the other two, surveys of the books of the year important in this work were presented by specialists. Attendance was excellent and fruitful in results in reading service. Many talks have been given at conferences of Americanization supervisors, to librarians, and before other interested agencies such as the Department of Inter-Racial Unity of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, and the Boston meeting of the Interstate Conference on Adult Education. The Supervisor of Library Work with Foreigners serves on twelve boards and committees in the interest of the Division's work; of four of them she is chairman.

*Book Service.* As a result of correspondence about the reading of the Portuguese in Massachusetts, the Division of Public Libraries has been the recipient of a gift of 103 books in that language from the Real Gabinete Portuguez de Leitura do Rio de Janeiro. These books will be used in the Division's traveling library service. Books have been purchased for traveling library use in Armenian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Lithuanian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Slovak, Spanish, Swedish, Syriac, Yiddish, and English.

Circulation records of books lent to public libraries show an increase of 884 over last year. The languages are as follows: Albanian, Arabic, Armenian, Assyrian, Bohemian, Chinese, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hun-

garian, Italian, Lithuanian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Slovak, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, Yiddish, and English.

A catalog of the lending library of books in English of inter-racial interest has been printed for distribution to all Massachusetts libraries, and, by request of the Division of University Extension, to supervisors of Americanization. In coöperation with the libraries at Lynn, North Adams, and Hyannis, the Division of Public Libraries furnished collateral reading—both books and valuable unbound material—for teachers attending training courses for Americanization work.

*Service to Individual Libraries.* Many visits have been made to public libraries to confer with trustees and librarians about extending their service to alien readers, to make recommendations in regard to discarding certain books and the purchase of others, and to assist in coördinating the work of libraries and evening schools for foreigners. A handbook on the reading of the foreign-born has been prepared with the coöperation of other specialists. It is the first issued on the subject, and was mailed to all libraries having a large number of foreign readers. The Division has issued and mailed to appropriate libraries a story-hour program for Portuguese children and immigrant mothers, two annotated lists of books in English for American workers, two lists of books in French, and four lists of importance compiled by other organizations. Thirty requests for purchase recommendations have been met; they came from 18 libraries and covered 11 languages.

#### SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE DIVISION

Books and periodicals given to	58 libraries
Aid in reorganizing	24 libraries
Library positions filled	37
Official visits to libraries	217
Addresses made by staff	54
Professional meetings attended	69
General lending library loans to	226 libraries
Number of books lent	4390
Foreign books lent to	108 libraries
Number of books lent	6260
Number of languages represented	23
State reading certificates used by	142 libraries

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BOARD OF FREE PUBLIC  
LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

Dec. 1, 1928 to Nov. 30, 1929.

*Debit*

Books, periodicals, pamphlets and lists for distribution to small libraries	\$2,061.13	
Books added to lending libraries	4,065.63	
Cataloging, and reorganizing of small libraries	3,372.85	
Library courses and institute	500.39	
		\$10,000.00
Personal services		\$12,020.00
Traveling expenses	\$2,049.24	
Office supplies and furniture	453.53	
Clippings, telegraph and telephone	233.03	
Binding	120.33	
Printing	530.50	
Express and postage	519.90	
Miscellany	383.09	
		4,289.62
Total		\$26,309.62

*Credit*

Amount drawn from appropriation of \$10,000 for aid to libraries	\$10,000.00
Amount drawn from appropriation of \$12,330 for personal services	12,020.00
Amount drawn from appropriation of \$4,300 for expenses	4,289.62

## APPENDIX I

## The Year in Massachusetts Libraries

*Buildings.* Four new buildings have been completed: Boxford (West), Milton (Mattapan branch), Sheffield, and Townsend. Seven more are under construction: Amherst (South), Bellingham, Boston (Edward Kirstein Memorial branch), Concord (West branch), Merrimac, Newton (Waban branch), Westport Point. Additions have been made or are being made to libraries in Chelmsford, Greenfield, Lancaster and North Attleborough.

*Circulation.* Nearly all libraries report increased circulation figures. Worcester exultantly reaches the million eminence occupied heretofore only by Boston and Springfield. Several libraries frankly state their increase to be due entirely to the children. Judging progress by circulation records is not ideal, as it fails to include the number of readers, reference questions looked up, publicity work, exhibitions, etc., etc., all of which are important details of library service. Circulation statistics are, however, the only *tangible* records, and as such are used by libraries everywhere as a means of measuring their use by the community and the returns made on their financial outlay. The American Library Association has defined the minimum per capita circulation consistent with efficient service to be 3 for large city libraries and 5 for others. In this Commonwealth few cities fall below the 3 per capita figures, and several small town libraries report from 10 to 20. The average for the state for 1929, including estimates on several libraries not reporting, and taking the estimated 1928 population for the entire state as 4,290,000, is 5.9 per capita.

*Gifts and Bequests* to the amount of \$353,590 have been reported. Two bequests of \$100,000 each have been made, one to the Nevins Memorial Library, Methuen, and the other to the Stoneham public library. Bequests of \$50,000 to Southbridge and \$40,000 to Danvers are the next largest. For names of donors and purposes of bequests and gifts look under names of cities and towns in the pages following.



## Library Activities in 1929

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- Anniversaries.* Everett, Lynn, Malden, Salem.  
*Book contests.* Fairhaven, Lexington, Northbridge.  
*Book wagon.* Milton.  
*Branch libraries.* Athol, Boston, Braintree, Haverhill, Medford, Middleborough, Milton, Newburyport, Newton, Quincy, Saugus, Somerville, Springfield.  
*Discipline.* Leominster.  
*Exchange of librarian.* Framingham.  
*Exhibits and collections.* Berlin, Fall River, Middleborough, Needham, Northampton, Sandwich, Stockbridge, Swampscott, West Springfield, Worthington.  
*Extension service.* (See also Hospital service.) Falmouth, North, Gill, Harwich, Marblehead, Marshfield, Somerset, Springfield.  
*Financing new buildings.* Concord, Haverhill, Wellesley, Mansfield, Winchester.  
*Foreign language collections.* Springfield.  
*Hospital service.* Newton, Holyoke, Quincy, Springfield.  
*Inter-library loan deposit.* Paxton.  
*Library garden.* Dalton.  
*Pay collection.* Leominster.  
*Safety vault.* Pittsfield.  
*School coöperation.* Gill, Lancaster, Leominster, Paxton.  
*Staff schedule.* Brookline.  
*Sunday opening.* Leominster.

**Acton.** The library has received a bequest of \$1,000 under the will of John W. Heald.

**Adams.** Mrs. Elizabeth H. Furst, librarian, was granted a leave of absence from September 1929 to February 1930 for graduate study in the School of Library Science, Columbia University.

**Amherst.** The librarian reports that "the first full year in the new building has proved its usefulness and attractiveness; it is not extravagant in equipment, not expensive to operate, supervise, or use." An increase is shown in circulation (from 14 to 16 per capita), in the number of meetings and exhibits, and in the attendance at these. A new library and community house is to be erected in South Amherst. It will be built from the Munson Fund of \$30,000 left by the will of Mrs. Parnell Munson in 1915. The site of the building is donated by Selectman William H. Atkins. The architect is Carl Putnam of Northampton.

**Arlington.** A second gift of \$500 from the same anonymous donor of last year's gift has been made to the Robbins Library for the purchase of children's books. The sum of \$1,000 has been received from the estate of Miss Ellen W. Hodgdon. The town appropriated \$500 for plans for a new wing to the library which will contain children's room, hall, and work room.

**Ashburnham.** A beautifully illuminated leaf from a 15th century choir book, purchased in Florence, has been presented to the library by Mrs. W. D. Miller.

**Athol.** The branch library in a store on Main Street is proving very popular for the convenience of downtown readers.

**Attleboro.** The annual gift of \$300 has been received from Mrs. Harold L. Sweet and spent for children's books. The new stack floor practically doubles the capacity for books and the rearrangement and redecoration of all the rooms add much to the attractiveness of the library.

**Auburn.** By vote of the town the name of the public library has been changed to Merriam Public Library in honor of the donor of the building and of the Merriam fund. The former was dedicated in 1911, the latter was willed in 1924.

**Barnstable.** *Centerville.* Four food sales netted about \$70 which will be used to help pay running expenses. Seventy school children with two teachers and a number of parents attended a social and tea at the library during Book Week.

**Cotuit.** A story hour for children has been held on Saturday afternoons.

**Hyannis.** Two donations have been received—\$100 from N. B. H. Parker; \$200 from Wm. R. Baldwin.

**Barre.** Miss Carrie A. Read, librarian for 25 years, died October 2, after an illness of several months. She resigned shortly before her death. Miss Jean M. Smith, from Philadelphia, is serving as acting-librarian.

**Becket.** The former home of Miss H. C. Snow has been willed to the library with sufficient funds to remodel it for library uses. Miss Snow was a trustee of the library from the time of its incorporation in 1888 until her death. Furniture for a reading room to be called the Rogers Room has been presented by Mr. Sydney Rogers of Los Angeles in memory of his sister and brother, Miss Edith Rogers and Nelson Rogers.

**Bedford.** Old books have been discarded by the Division and an estimate made for installing a new charging system.

**Bellingham.** A new building is in process of erection, made possible by town appropriation. In preparation for moving, the library has been thoroughly reorganized under the supervision of the Division. A new card catalog has been made, all books classified and a new charging system installed. Old books have been discarded, others rebound, and all books cleaned and shellacked.

**Belmont.** The Benton Chapel has been offered to the library for a branch building in Payson Park.

**Berlin.** The library is now open 3 hours on Fridays to accommodate the school children. Exhibits have been held of pictures from the Woman's Education Association, and pictures, bird houses and feeding stations from the Audubon rooms. One of the trustees, an expert on birds, gives talks to the school children on this subject. The Children's Welfare Department of the Woman's Club and the "Berlin Players" use the library lecture rooms. Old books have been discarded by the Division.

**Bernardston.** Mrs. William Boyle succeeds Miss Ellen S. Birks as librarian, who resigned.

**Blandford.** Additional shelves provide more room for books.

**Boston.** In every phase of its life, the Boston public library has shown healthy growth during 1929. The extensive repairs and improvements to the central library, which have been going on for some time, made conspicuous progress. A good beginning was made on the elaborate reconstruction of the rooms on the third floor in which the rarer volumes of the library are kept; these rooms are being given additional security against fire and theft, and are incidentally being made both more attractive and easier of administration. The reconstructed North Gallery, where the bulk of the special collections is housed, was opened in October; the Music Room and the new Treasure Room will be completed early next year.

During the summer it was discovered that the massive walls of the building were in certain sections practically unsupported, owing to the rotting of the piles as a result of the lowering of the water-table. An emergency appropriation was at once obtained, and the substitution of steel columns embedded in concrete for the defective piles is being vigorously pushed forward. Further repairs of the year included the reconstruction of the fountain basin in the court of the library, and the installation of a new system of pneumatic tubes.



An important event of 1929 was the erection in City Hall Avenue, on the site of an abandoned police station which was given by the city for the purpose, of the Edward Kirstein Memorial Library. This building, given by Mr. Louis E. Kirstein, a trustee of the library, in memory of his father, will be devoted to the uses of the Business Branch, which will be equipped and operated as an aid to the business community of Boston; thus is met what has for many years been regarded as the greatest need of Boston's library system. A regular branch library serving adults will be installed on the third floor of the Kirstein building in City Hall Avenue. Mr. Kirstein also added the sum of \$1000 to the Kirstein Fund of the library. The work of the branch system was strengthened by the securing of greatly improved quarters for the branch libraries at Allston, Mt. Bowdoin and Orient Heights.

An important acquisition of the year was the private library of Professor William P. Trent, of Columbia University. This library is notable as containing what is perhaps the finest existing collection of material for the study of Defoe, including a virtually complete set of his works in first editions and many thousands of pamphlets shedding light on his career.

An interesting activity of the year has been the coöperation of the library in compiling the quarterly issues of "Better Books," the selective catalogue of worthy new books issued by the Board of Trade of Boston Book Merchants; this publication, which has been widely circulated through public libraries, is proving a valuable force in encouraging book-buyers to select good books.

**Boxford.** A bequest of \$200 is reported from Mrs. A. S. Black.

**West Boxford.** A new library building, costing \$10,000, has been built and given to the town by Mr. Walter R. Ingalls, in memory of his daughter, Catherine Ingalls. The Second Parish Church presented an additional piece of land to the site already chosen, to make a better and larger frontage for the building. Mr. Ingalls supplied his own plans.

**Braintree.** The North Braintree branch of the Thayer Public Library has been opened in front of the Braintree theatre.

**Brewster.** The library is now open one evening a week with increased satisfaction.

**Bridgewater.** The trustees of the Bridgewater public library are to receive \$2,000 under the will of Mary Caroline Bryant, a former trustee, the income to be used for the purchase of books. Old books of no permanent value have been discarded by the Division.

**Brookline.** A gift of photographs, slides and negatives of Brookline has been received from Mrs. Edward W. Baker. The working schedule of the staff has been made uniform at 40 hours a week for nine months of the year, 39 for the three summer months.

**Cambridge.** Mr. Leo R. Etzkorn, librarian for three years, resigned in May to take the librarianship of the Fall River public library. The resignation took effect June 30. Mr. Charles F. Hurley, a member of the board of trustees, acted as temporary librarian until the appointment of Mr. Etzkorn's successor.

**Chatham.** The Eldredge Public Library has issued its first printed list of new books. Gifts of books are reported from the O. E. S. Grange and the Women's Club as memorials to deceased members.

**Chelmsford.** An addition to the library is in progress of building. This addition is made possible by the bequest in the will of Mrs. Corra A. George Flint of Worcester who eight years ago gave the sum of \$17,000 for this purpose. The new part will be about 50 feet in length and will be of brick and stone to match the rest of the building. E. R. Clark of Chelmsford has drawn the plan. One of the improvements from this addition will be a children's room.

*North Chelmsford.* Old books have been discarded by the Division giving much needed room for additions.

*Cheshire.* Old books have been discarded by the Division preparatory to revising the catalog and rearranging the collection. Miss Emma E. Martin, librarian for forty-five years died in August. Mrs. Fred L. Wood succeeds her.

*Concord.* The West Concord branch library is nearly completed. The town voted to sell the site to the library corporation for \$2,500. It was also voted to pay the amount required in interest to the library for the erection of a \$30,000 building, until such time as the legacy under the will of Loring N. Fowler, which provides for a new library, becomes available. Frohman, Robb & Little are the architects.

*Dalton.* A limited, first edition of Currier and Ives prints, profusely illustrated, has been given to the library. The Book Week story hour brought an attendance of 75 children. From June to November a garden on library land, planted and tended by the Campfire Girls, was a source of great pleasure.

*Dana, North.* The library building and its contents were destroyed by fire in February. The insurance money of \$1,000 is being used to pay rent in a small room and buy new books.

*Danvers.* A bequest of \$40,000 from George Augustus Peabody of Danvers is to be added to the general fund.

*Dartmouth.* A bequest of \$100 from Henry M. Plummer is reported.

*Dedham.* The library has been redecorated and tiled linoleum laid on the floors.

*Dennis.* The gift of a clock is reported as a great addition to the library.

*East Dennis.* The Jacob Sears Library has received a bequest of \$1,000 from Julia A. Sears of Fairhaven for the purchase of books.

*West Dennis.* A card party netted \$175.90 and a supper \$95.73. In addition \$75 was donated for the library.

*Dighton.* The library was closed for a month to allow necessary repairs and painting.

*Dover.* A children's corner has been arranged, old books discarded and new juveniles purchased under the direction of the Division.

*Dracut.* Mrs. Frederick A. Cotter, who did so much toward improving the library service and establishing branch libraries, resigned her position as librarian in the fall. She is succeeded by Miss Alta Linscott, formerly one of the library trustees.

*East Bridgewater.* Miss Lucy L. Siddall, resigned in December, having completed forty-two years of devoted service to the community. Mrs. George Chandler is her successor.

*East Brookfield.* Mrs. Annie R. Hayes has been appointed librarian succeeding Mrs. Leslie Durgin, whose death occurred early in the year. Out-of-date books have been discarded by the Division and the new librarian instructed in cataloging.

*Easthampton.* A committee has been appointed to investigate and report on a plan to enlarge the facilities of the library, especially in the children's room. To relieve partially the crowded conditions, old books were discarded by the Division.

*Edgartown.* By the will of Mrs. Agnes Bliss Wilson the library will receive \$500 for the purchase of books. An addition to the library is contemplated, pending Town Meeting vote. A bridge party given by the summer colony netted \$725 to the Building Fund.

*Enfield.* The library, as usual, presented an interesting program in celebration of Book Week.



**Everett.** The Parlin Memorial Library celebrated its 50th anniversary in May.

**Fairhaven.** An unusual and very interesting travel book contest kept the children busy last summer. Tickets were issued and colored pins were inserted in the maps showing routes of book travel.

**Fall River.** A remarkable exhibit of dolls has been given to the library by Mrs. Alexander M. Wetherell. The collection comprises thirty-two South American dolls made in the Presbyterian missions in Caracas, Venezuela. Besides this gift Mrs. Wetherell has lent from her own private collection other dolls representing costumes of different countries. Among them is a doll which has come down from the family of Martin Luther. Mr. Leo R. Etzkorn, formerly librarian in Cambridge, succeeded to the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Cummings, librarian for two years.

**Falmouth, North.** The librarian is carrying books to the sick and the "shut-ins." She is also teaching the very small children the care of books by buying some especially attractive picture books which are allowed only to children with clean hands. The child himself is judge of the state of his hands.

**West Falmouth.** A gift of \$25 was received from a summer resident.

**Woods Hole.** Old books have been discarded by the Division.

**Fitchburg.** The children's room has been renovated and new charging desk, chairs and window seat added. Thanks are due to Colonel G. R. Wallace, son of the donor of the Wallace Library and Art Museum, for financial aid in this work.

**Framingham.** Land has been purchased for an addition to the main library. An assistant in this library, Miss Carolyn A. Walker, effected an exchange for one year with an assistant in the Deutsche Bucherei in Leipzig, Germany—Miss Hanna Richard.

**Foxborough.** The yearly gift of girls' books to the amount of \$50 from the Bertha E. Irish Memorial Fund has been received, also \$25 worth of juvenile books from "A Friend." The library is now open 28 hours a week instead of 26 as formerly. Out-of-date books have been discarded by the Division.

**Gay Head.** Mrs. Ruth L. Jeffers is now in charge of the library which has been moved to the new community house. Old books have been discarded, instruction in cataloging given to the librarian and a new charging system installed by the Division. Furniture has been donated by the Massachusetts Library Aid Association and curtains by "a friend of libraries." A most attractive room is the result.

**Georgetown.** The library has been reorganized by the Division. Old books of no permanent value have been discarded, children's books cleaned and shelocked, charging system simplified, catalog revised, posters and exhibit material solicited, talks given to the children on the use of the library and recommendations made to the trustees for future growth.

**Gill.** This little town of 918 inhabitants reports a circulation of over 10 per capita—2,774 from the main library, open 5 hours a week, and 7,696 from the Riverside Branch, in the more thickly settled part of the town near Turners Falls, open 8 hours. Three-fourths of the Riverside circulation is to school children. The two librarians and the trustees work together in every way, keep up with library matters, attend library meetings and institutes, and maintain their enthusiasm year after year. The main library is now open Fridays instead of Saturdays, with a resultant increase in circulation. The Gill Parent-Teacher Association has provided painted wooden boxes with hinged covers and oilcloth linings for school deposits and the music teacher manages the transportation of the monthly exchange from school to school.

**Granby.** A general discarding of old books has been made by the Division, whose representative met with the Board and discussed the future growth of the library.

**Great Barrington, Housatonic.** Additions are planned to the Ramsdell Public Library and the amount necessary for building will, it is expected, be appropriated at Town Meeting.

**Greenfield.** An addition to the Greenfield public library has practically doubled floor and shelf space. The east wing is extended 15 feet and the building enlarged in a northerly direction also so as to provide a children's room 34 feet by 42 feet. An appropriation of \$10,500 was voted at the annual Town Meeting in March for this project.

**Groton.** By the will of John H. Tarbell of Framingham the West Groton branch library will receive \$500. The furniture for the new children's room, opened in January, is the gift of Mrs. John Lawrence.

**Groveland.** The Langley-Adams Library has received a gift of \$3,000 from Mrs. W. Thornton Parker of Springfield, in memory of her son, William Thornton Parker. The fund will be set aside for the establishment of a children's room.

**Hardwick.** The Garden Club, started last year, has held its meetings in the library once a month. Books pertaining to gardens have been bought by the library.

**Harwich.** Nearly 2,500 books have been sent out in rural delivery baskets.

**Haverhill.** Under the will of Mrs. Adelaide P. Bailey of Everett the city has been left \$4,000, the same to be invested under the direction of the library trustees and to be known as the Samuel D. Maynard Fund, the income to be used in the purchase of books. A library association has been formed in the village of Bradford to raise \$25,000, the estimated cost of a new branch library building.

**Hingham.** The library reports a bequest of \$2,500 from Mr. Frank A. Kidder.

**Holland.** Through an extra appropriation from the town the library has been whitened and varnished.

**Holyoke.** The library makes a regular deposit at the Holyoke hospital.

**Hopedale.** A charging desk and magazine rack have been given the children's room. A gift of \$25 has been received for juvenile books.

**Hubbardston.** The circulation increased over a thousand during the year, owing to better accommodations (see 1928 report) and increasing work with schools. Old books have been discarded by the Division.

**Hudson.** Under the will of Helen M. Lewis the library receives \$200.

**Hull.** Gifts of \$100 from Mrs. George McPhail and \$50 from an anonymous donor are reported.

**Lakeville.** The Library Association is the recipient of a bequest of \$2,000 by the will of Mrs. Anna H. Brownell of Fall River, and of \$200 to be known as the Judith Nelson Peirce fund. Books have been discarded under the supervision of the Board of Free Public Library Commissioners.

**Lancaster.** The new wing for the children's department, given by Mrs. Bayard Thayer in memory of her son Nathaniel Thayer, 2d., was opened in June. This wing is open an extra hour at noon to accommodate school children living at a distance.

**Lee.** The circulation for 1929 showed an increase of more than five hundred over the previous year.

**Lenox.** More books of non-fiction were purchased this year than at any time during the past fifteen years. They have been displayed in the



front room in order to make them more accessible to the public, and no recent innovation has proved more popular. During the summer months a great deal of reference work is done for authors. Material was borrowed from libraries in Boston, Springfield, New York, Pittsburgh, and the Library of Congress. Mrs. Daniel Chester French calls this "the most inspiring of libraries." As usual many exhibits and lectures were held in the library.

**Leominster.** The duplicate pay collection is managed thus in Leominster public library: A special appropriation of \$500 is made each year from the city as a loan for this collection. Last year the sum of \$357.87 was spent for books; these rented for one cent a day and earned \$529.87 which was turned over at the end of the year to the City Treasurer together with the unexpended balance. The books eventually are placed on the free shelves of the library.

By the vote of the Board, the Reading Room will be closed on Sundays during July and August and on Christmas Day and Fourth of July. The circulation has increased over 11,000, making 8.3 books per capita.

The discipline is entirely and efficiently handled during the noon hour by a student patrol officer from Junior High School. This service permits the library staff to attend strictly to circulation and reference problems, and enables them to give prompt service and personal attention to the hundred or more pupils who choose to spend this brief recreation period at the library. This splendid service, volunteered by the Junior High School, is, apparently, an original idea, and one that will undoubtedly find favor in other towns and cities.

A thirteen-year-old Leominster girl was winner of a prize in a nationwide contest sponsored by the Frederick A. Stokes Co. for the fifty best card catalogs of home or personal libraries made by school boys and girls and submitted through their public library.

**Leverett.** New window draperies and pillows for window and fireside seats add to the appearance of the library. The room is used for various gatherings on days not open for library purposes. Miss Dorothy King, librarian for several years, is succeeded by the Rev. Herbert Dixon.

**Lexington.** The book contest for 1929 was founded on the "Map of the World Books" published by Ginn & Co. Ten books had to be read and commented upon by each pupil competing and the library gave book prizes—one for each grade school.

**Lynn.** The city celebrated its tercentenary this summer. The library's part was an exhibit of old books belonging to the original Lynn library, the first annual report, autographs of early librarians, old pictures of Lynn, etc. Two very interesting items of the exhibit were woodcuts of old Lynn buildings and a model in clay of High Rock made by Lynn school children.

**Malden.** The sum of \$400 was received from Mrs. George Louis Richards for a lecture course. A new branch was opened in the western section of the city. The library celebrated its 50th anniversary and printed illustrated reports of the program.

**Mansfield.** The committee appointed at Town Meeting to investigate the needs of the public library recommended that the building be enlarged and remodeled. Money was appropriated from the town for plans for such an enlargement and Mr. O. E. Higgins of Hyde Park was selected as architect. His plan has been accepted by the library committee.

**Marblehead.** A small room at the Glover School, Clifton, has been loaned for library service to children of that community. This extension service is proving very satisfactory.

**Marshfield.** School deposits have been established in four classrooms with new books purchased from a trust fund.

**Marshfield Hills.** The Division has discarded old books and rearranged the library.

**Medford.** Miss Abby L. Sargent, librarian for seventeen years resigned her position during the summer. Miss Mary H. Davis, assistant librarian at the Brookline public library, was appointed librarian and assumed her duties October first. Two new branches have been opened.

**Merrimac.** The new Thomas Hoyt Public Library is nearly finished. It will cost approximately \$37,000. Coolidge and Carlson are the architects.

**Methuen.** Under the will of Mrs. Harriette F. Nevins the library receives \$100,000.

**Middleborough.** An exhibit of the work of local artists displayed at the library during Book Week included needlework, handwrought jewelry, photographs, baskets, cabinet and batik work as well as paintings and drawings. A branch library has been opened in North Middleborough.

**Milford.** A new charging desk has been purchased from the \$500 Spaulding bequest of 1927.

**Millis.** Books of no permanent value have been discarded by the Division.

**Milton.** The new Mattapan branch library on Blue Hills Parkway was dedicated November 12. The building and equipment cost approximately \$40,000. Another \$40,000 branch is contemplated for East Milton; the site has been given by N. T. Kidder, Chairman of the Board. A Chevrolet truck costing \$2,847 has been purchased, with shelves built in, which is used for house-to-house, branch and school deliveries.

**Montague, Turners Falls.** The library has been willed two bequests for the juvenile department; from Miss Elizabeth Stoughton of Riverside and Brooklyn, \$1,000; from Mr. George Starbuck of Turners Falls \$500.

**Needham.** A new charging desk has been installed especially designed for this library. During Book Week a collection of dolls in foreign costumes was borrowed for display.

**New Bedford.** By the will of Mary D. McCoughtry the New Bedford public library is bequeathed the sum of \$1,000. The Book Talks, carried on through the winter, continue to be very popular.

**Newbury (Byfield).** Under the supervision of the Division of Public Libraries books have been washed and shellacked, the catalog revised, and instruction given to the new librarian. After the reorganization a library reception was held. A children's hour was also given. All this has created a new interest in the library.

**Newburyport.** A music room is being provided in the public library. The Newburyport Music Club is greatly interested and will use some of its funds in adding to the attractiveness of the room. The library owns a great number of music compositions and books on music which will now be more easily accessible. The South End library branch is to be called the Emma L. Andrews branch, in honor of Mrs. Andrews, through whose initiative the reading room and library were established. This branch is also to be available to residents of Newbury as well as those living in Wards 1 and 2.

**Newton.** Fifty dollars for story hours was donated by the West Newton Women's Club. A new floor of book stacks was completed at the main library. A branch library has been established at the Newton Hospital for the use of the patients and employees. The public library supplements from its own collection books owned by the hospital, and one of its staff visits the hospital two afternoons a week, assisting the patients in the choice of books. Records show 3,333 books circulated in six months.



Plans have been completed for the Waban branch by the firm of Densmore, LeClear and Robbins and the building is begun. An intensive campaign secured \$60,000 to build and equip this branch.

**North Adams.** Miss Mabel Temple has resigned after twenty-five years of faithful service. Mrs. Mary E. S. Root is serving as acting-librarian until the appointment of a new librarian. Under her direction and with the assistance of the Division of Public Libraries a general rearrangement and weeding of the library has been effected.

**North Andover.** Story hours have been held five times during the year, and a Reading Club for Girls organized in the summer which meets every two weeks.

**North Attleborough.** The Richards Memorial Library, redecorated and enlarged, was opened to the public November 23. The addition, which cost \$5,000, provides a stack room large enough to allow for growth, and leaves the main library for reading purposes. The facilities of the library are greatly improved by the establishment of a young people's room in what was the stack.

**North Brookfield.** The sum of \$2,000 has been given to the library by Mrs. T. C. Bates of Worcester, to be known as the T. C. Bates fund. The income is to be used for the purchase of books. Miss Katherine E. Smith, librarian for the last sixteen years, resigned September first to take a position in Wilmington, Delaware, public library. Mrs. Ella C. White succeeds her.

**North Reading.** Extensive changes have been made in the library under the direction of the Division. A children's corner has been arranged, all juvenile books cleaned and shellacked, a new charging system installed, the catalog rearranged and a new registration started.

**Northampton.** Forbes Library has received from Miss Bessie S. Lathrop a number of interesting and important gifts which belonged to her grandfather, Dr. Daniel Stebbins. Among them is a valuable collection of old dolls, presented to the children's room.

**Northbridge.** The Whitinsville Social Library reports a book title guessing contest for children, held during Book Week. Much enthusiasm was displayed resulting in an immediately increased circulation and several hundred children thus had their first lesson in the use of the card catalog.

**Northfield.** A rearrangement has made possible a reference room easily accessible to the delivery desk; by removing one stack to the basement an attractive reading corner has resulted. Books not frequently in demand have been placed in the cases downstairs. These improvements have been made upon recommendation of the Division.

**Norwood.** Many repairs on the original building have been made, including new reference shelves and furnishings for the staff rest room.

**Orleans.** A bequest of \$150 for purchase of books has been received under the will of Capt. Joshua Taylor.

**Oxford.** An important gift to the library was a set of the 1858 edition of Audubon's Birds of America, valued at \$500. Since September the library has been opened an extra afternoon for the accommodation of the schools.

**Paxton.** The coöperation of the Worcester public library with this little town, a few miles away, is worthy of note. The Paxton library borrows at regular intervals books of travel to enable two grades to carry out a project in geography in the form of book journeys by pupils and also borrows each month poster material for health and "topic" posters made in the schools. The Paxton library lends to the schools reading and arithmetic games which may be taken home over week-ends by backward pupils.

**Petersham.** A bequest of \$1,000 from Fannie G. Prince, former librarian, and a gift of \$35 from Mary H. Parsons have been received.

**Pittsfield.** The Atheneum has installed a large vault for the safe-keeping of records, rare books, etc.

**Princeton.** Miss Susan A. Davis, librarian for more than forty years, died in May. The Rev. F. F. G. Donaldson was appointed librarian in September. The Division has discarded much old material to make more room and provide for a children's corner.

**Quincy.** The Temple branch library has changed its location from Quincy Point to 516 Washington Street. Lakin Square branch was opened in February and the Merrymount branch, in the new Merrymount schoolhouse, in December. The hospital library work is so much appreciated that the visiting librarian now takes books to the wards three days a week.

**Raynham.** The library building has been repaired and painted. Old books have been discarded by the Division.

**Revere.** A substantial gain in circulation is reported, due to allowing patrons to borrow more books at one time. The library and the Junior and High Schools are coöperating well.

**Rowe.** Under the will of Mrs. Emma Henry of Deerfield the library receives \$500 for the building fund, which now totals \$783.83.

**Salem.** Mr. Gardner M. Jones this summer completed forty years as librarian of the public library.

**Sandwich.** By the will of Mrs. Hannah B. Belcher the Weston Memorial Library has received a water color picture of Sandwich Mill Pond and will receive one-fifth of the principle of a trust fund of \$25,000 upon the death of a niece of Mrs. Belcher. Other gifts include paintings and a showcase with small art treasures. A decided growth in every phase of the library service is reported, including larger patronage and expressed appreciation from the summer colony.

**Saugus.** The library trustees hope to establish a branch library in the East Saugus section of the town. Old books have been discarded by the Division.

**Seekonk.** The branch library at Luther's Corner, which circulates about three times as many books as the main library, has been moved into a larger room in Association Hall.

**Sheffield.** The new building has been dedicated and Mr. Willard C. French made librarian. Under direction of the Division old books were discarded, a dictionary card catalog made and a new charging system installed. Antique chairs and tables and artistic window draperies add much to the attractiveness of this beautiful library.

**Somerset.** A deposit of books has been established in a school far from the library.

**Somerville.** A bequest of \$2,000 has been made to the public library by Thomas J. Buffum, a former trustee. The interest is to be spent on books. The christening of the Edward C. Booth Hall in the West Somerville branch recognized fifty-four years of service of Dr. Booth, a founder, trustee, and benefactor of the library. A new library station has been opened for the Winter Hill, Magoun Square, and Medford Street section. The entire library registration of the city has been re-mapped.

**South Hadley.** Gifts of \$262 each from Mr. Lewis M. Gaylord and Mr. Arthur S. Gaylord and \$100 from Mr. A. L. Wright—all trustees of the library—paid for the new heater. The library has met a heavy loss in the death of Mr. Lewis Gaylord, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees from the establishment of the Gaylord Library twenty-five years ago.



and of Mr. John K. Judd of Holyoke. Both had been generous of time and service as well as money.

*South Hadley Falls.* The library reports a gift of \$100 from Mr. A. S. Gaylord.

*Southbridge.* Under the will of Miss Hannah Edwards the Jacob Edwards Library will receive \$50,000, and by the will of Henry M. Bradford of West Woodstock, Conn., \$2,500, the income of the latter to be used for books of travel, science, and other non-fiction. Neither of these bequests will be available during the life-time of relatives.

*Springfield.* A gift of \$5,000 as an endowment for the Solomon Bulkley Griffin Memorial Hall, containing the library of Springfield history in the Pynchon Memorial building, has been made to the City Library Association by Mrs. Ida Southworth Griffin. Two sites for new branches have been given and another received by bequest.

The report from the City Library Association for 1929 contains some most interesting items on its library extension service. In addition to branches, collections are maintained in 516 classrooms, 10 fire engine houses, and 34 factories, stores, offices and institutions. The newest and largest of these is with the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. The library, as is customary, furnishes the books and the Company furnishes accommodations and service. In two months this deposit outstripped in circulation any similar deposit the library has ever established.

For a number of years a collection of books has been maintained at the Springfield City Hospital with varying fortunes. The great need has been for administration by trained librarians. This last year library assistants have gone to the hospital twice a week to look after the collection and circulate the books among the patients. The usefulness of the collection has increased by leaps and bounds and the superintendent of nurses has expressed warm appreciation. The library does not lend books to this hospital collection but depends upon gifts. Appeals in the *Library Bulletin* and newspapers brought in several hundred welcome books for adults but very few for children. This need was then presented so effectively by the assistants who visited the hospital that their associates on the library staff collected a substantial sum of money, which was augmented by a contribution from a grateful patient and a very generous gift of children's books from Johnson's Bookstore.

The library has made an innovation by sending assistants once a week at noon to distribute the books in the deposit collections at a number of factories and large stores formerly in charge of volunteers. In some cases the circulation has quadrupled and always readers have been interested in better books as a result of this personal service.

This library was one of the earliest to make special provision for the foreign-speaking people. Of late years a difficulty has arisen in cases where there are so few people speaking a particular language, as for example, Finnish, that only a small collection of books in this language is warranted. To help solve this problem the library hit on a plan this last year of exchanging its books in certain languages with other libraries, each library thus procuring a fresh set. Also, the Springfield library has formed a circle with two or three other libraries, each of which buys twenty-five books in a language to be kept for a specified time and then passed along.

The technical books in the medical library have been deposited with the Springfield Academy of Medicine. Much needed space has thus been gained and the books are more convenient for doctors and nurses, while any volumes wanted by the general public are subject to recall.

The annotated lists on popular subjects published by the Springfield City Library are in great demand.

**Stockbridge.** In December 1928 the library received a bequest of \$5,000 under the will of Dr. W. Gilman Thompson. This bequest made possible important improvements and alterations in the library. A new case to house the "Stockbridge Collection" has been built, with an inscription of appreciation of the twenty-four years of faithful service rendered the library by Mr. R. R. Bowker as president of the Association.

**Stoneham.** Bequests of \$100,000 for an addition to the library and \$10,000 for a book fund were given under the will of Annie H. Brown.

**Stoughton.** In addition to gifts of books from various persons, \$75 in money was received from Mr. Arthur E. Talbot for children's books.

**Swampscott.** One of the art projects of the school year for the Hadley school children was the design of posters for different types of books. On each poster are ten or twelve suggestions for the library patron who is looking for help in selecting interesting books. These posters have been placed on a bulletin board at the library. A special rack of books listed has been placed in the children's room.

**Tolland.** The library has been moved temporarily into an unoccupied house. It is hoped that a building may be forthcoming in the near future. A group of energetic women is interested in developing the library. Old books have been discarded by the Division.

**Townsend.** The Hart Free Library Building was dedicated with appropriate exercises on October 30. Old books had been discarded by the Division and its representative assisted in the moving and in the arrangement of the books in the new library.

**Tyringham.** A benefit tea was held in August which netted \$28.77 for books.

**Waltham.** A bequest of \$5,000 from Pryor Fulton is reported, the income to be used for the purchase of books.

**Ware.** Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Joliffe have made their annual gift of \$200, and the trustees have given \$600.

**Watertown.** An addition has been built in a new elementary school for a branch library.

**Wellesley.** The Committee on Municipal Buildings and Soldiers' Memorial recommended to the Town Meeting, March 4, 1929, "That the Town vote to build a new main library building on the Simons property and that this Committee be instructed to decide upon the exact location, to select an architect, to have plans and specifications prepared, and estimates figured, and report back to the town at a future meeting for approval." The sum of \$1,500 was asked for plans.

**West Boylston.** After attending the University Extension course on reference books given in the Worcester public library, the librarian was so enthusiastic over what she had learned that she gave three lectures to the 8th grade pupils. These were followed by a written examination and marks counted in English.

**West Springfield.** During Book Week attention was concentrated on an exhibit of children's books and the library acted as agent for purchasing. Nineteen books were bought on orders of eight people.

**West Stockbridge.** New stacks have been added.

**Westborough.** The interior of the library has been entirely renovated; an electric clock and new window shades are gifts of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Forbes.

**Westfield.** The sum of \$5,000 has been received from the Henry Holland fund. Fifteen exhibits have been held in the Art Museum connected with the Atheneum.



**Westford.** The public library celebrated its 70th anniversary this year in connection with the 200th anniversary of the town.

**Westport Point.** A small separate building is being erected on the same lot as the "Library Cottage" and the books will be moved into it when it is finished. The librarian reports the receipt of the Clara Waring fund for children's books and the Mary Boyd Wicks case of books for very little children.

**Weymouth.** The Tufts Library reports increased hours of opening and a new stairway connecting the children's room with the adult department.

**Winchendon.** Colonial lighting fixtures of pewter and weathered brass have been installed. A story hour for children is one of the new features of the library service. Miss Anna G. Rockwell, librarian for several years, resigned and is succeeded by Leslie R. Arnold, formerly assistant in Woonsocket, R. I., library.

**Winchester.** It was voted at Town Meeting to appoint a committee of five citizens to prepare plans and estimates of the cost of erecting a library building on the Town Hall lot at Washington Street and Mystic Valley Parkway. The sum of \$1,000 was appropriated for the expenses of this committee.

**Worcester.** For the first time, the circulation for the year reached the million mark. This library is very helpful to libraries in nearby towns.

**Worthington.** Extra activities of this little library included twenty-two exhibits of books, pictures, etc.; the use of an electric radio which enabled the children to hear a fine music appreciation hour; several illustrated talks with lantern slides; four large scrapbooks made of local clippings and other material.

**Yarmouth, West.** The schoolhouse hall in which the library was housed has been divided into two rooms and the library has been moved into the east room.

## APPENDIX II

## STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC

NOTE—The following statistics cover, in the majority of cases, the year 1929. Names of towns in parentheses the Division of Public Libraries in the form of: 1. Advisory visits from the field workers, reorganizing languages and visits from the Supervisor of Library Work with Foreigners.

LIBRARY	Librarian	Population 1925	Valuation.
1 *Abington P. L.	Ida H. McKenney	5,882	\$5,661,942
2 No. Abington P. L. 2, 3	Mrs. M. G. McDougall		
3 Acton Mem. L.	Arthur F. Davis	2,387	3,590,316
4 So. Acton Impr. Assoc.	Mrs. C. Esther Edney		
5 W. Acton Citizens' L. Assoc. 2	Mrs. Ida M. Costello		
6 Acushnet F. P. L. (RFD New Bedford) 2	Emma L. White	4,135	3,839,285
7 Adams F. L. 2, 3	Irene M. Poirier	13,525	12,619,370
8 Agawam Center L. 1, 2	Mrs. Arthur Rudman	6,290	
9 Alford F. T. L. (RFD Gt. Barrington)	Mrs. Rachel E. Ploss	221	241,971
10 Amesbury P. L. 2, 3	Marguerite Merrill	11,229	11,506,347
11 Amherst: Jones L. 3	Charles R. Green	5,972	9,212,253
12 Andover: Mem. Hall L.	Edna A. Brown	10,291	17,263,390
13 Arlington: Robbins L. 1, 2, 3	Mrs. Lucinda F. Spofford	24,943	58,027,450
14 Ashburnham: Stevens P. L. 1, 2, 3	Mrs. Evelyn L. Crandall	2,159	1,677,808
15 Ashby P. L. 2	Mrs. Florence G. Pope	907	988,425
16 Ashfield: Belding Mem. L. 2	Mrs. May G. Boice	919	1,182,872
17 Ashland F. P. L.	Mrs. Grace S. Bragg	2,521	2,560,415
18 Athol P. L. 2, 3	Gladys C. Greene	9,602	10,719,305
19 ATTLEBORO P. L. 1, 3	E. Lucile Palmer	20,623	24,514,105
20 Auburn: Merriam P. L. 1	Mona Adshad	4,927	5,786,700
21 Avon F. P. L.	Mrs. Celia J. Damon	2,360	1,847,775
22 Ayer P. L. 2, 3	Mrs. Jennie M. McLean	3,032	3,592,725
23 Barnstable: Sturgis L. 1, 2	Elizabeth C. Nye	5,744	21,039,600
24 Centerville P. L. Assoc. 1, 2, 3	Mrs. Nelson Bearse		
25 Cotuit P. L.	Mrs. Frank L. Handy		
26 Hyannis F. P. L. 1, 2, 3	Mrs. S. Alex. Hinckley		
27 *Marstons Mills	Mrs. John Coleman		
28 Osterville P. L. 3	Katherine E. Hinckley		
29 W. Barnstable: Whelden Mem. L. 1	Carrie P. Bursley		
30 Barre Town L. 2, 3	Jean M. Smith, Acting	3,329	3,143,421
31 Becket Atheneum 1	H. Fannie Prentice	778	840,434
32 Bedford F. P. L. 1	Clara H. Hartwell	1,514	2,773,413
33 Belchertown: Clapp Mem. L. 1, 2	Mrs. Doris S. Squires	2,905	1,459,660
34 Bellingham F. P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. Marie P. Cooke	2,877	2,631,113
35 Belmont P. L. 3	Lucy D. Luard	15,256	36,739,920
36 Berkley P. L. (RFD Taunton) 1, 2	Mrs. Florence N. Williams	1,118	905,285
37 Berlin F. P. L. 1	Ethel M. G. Sawyer	1,071	1,027,151
38 Bernardston: Cushman L. 1	Mrs. William Boyle	844	793,126
39 BEVERLY P. L. 2, 3	Marjorie H. Stanton	22,685	47,614,625
40 Billerica: Bennett P. L. 2	Mrs. Mary A. B. Snell	4,913	9,109,150
41 *Blackstone F. P. L. 1	John McEntee	4,802	2,404,455
42 Blandford: Porter Mem. L. 2	Mrs. F. E. de Braal	437	875,414
43 Bolton P. L. 1	Catherine M. Edes	801	1,127,190
44 BOSTON P. L.	Charles F. D. Belden	779,620	1,953,231,000
45 *Bourne: Jonathan Bourne P. L. 2 (Sagamore Branch, 1, 2, 3)	Mrs. W. C. McDermott	3,015	9,158,131
46 Boxborough F. P. L. (RFD W. Acton) 1, 2	Mrs. Mabel P. Robbins	333	385,192
47 Boxford P. L.	Bertha Perley	581	1,089,918
48 West Boxford: Catherine Ingalls Memorial L. 1, 2	Nellie Spofford		
49 *Boylston P. L.	George L. Wright	970	852,107
50 Braintree: Thayer P. L. 2, 3	Alice Holbrook	13,193	23,146,000
51 Brewster: Ladies' L. Assoc. 2	Mrs. Margaret T. Gibson	774	2,051,148
52 Bridgewater P. L. 1, 2, 3	Edith M. Ames	9,468	5,259,164
53 Brimfield P. L. 2	M. Anna Tarbell	840	1,067,280
54 BROCKTON P. L. 1, 2, 3	Harold A. Wooster	65,343	78,146,075
55 Brookfield: Merrick P. L. 2, 3	Mrs. C. O. Dean	1,401	1,318,468
56 Brookline P. L. 3	Louisa M. Hooper	42,681	165,660,000
57 Buckland F. P. L. 1	Mrs. Grace E. Gould	1,555	2,696,572
58 *Burlington F. P. L. (RFD Woburn) 1, 2	Mrs. Nettie R. Foster	1,431	2,429,268
59 CAMBRIDGE P. L. 3	Thomas J. Sullivan	119,669	188,456,300
60 Canton P. L. 2	Mrs. Rose S. Holmes	5,896	8,584,250

\* No Report.



## APPENDIX II

## LIBRARIES IN MASSACHUSETTS

theses denote postoffice addresses. The figures after the name of the library indicate libraries aided by  
ization service, and gifts of books. 2. Loans of books from the general collection. 3. Loans in foreign

Branches.	Deposits	Hours open per Week.	Circulation.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Total Income.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Services.	
0	4	15	31,900	\$2,776 78	\$3,101 78	\$1,225 00	\$1,000 00	1
0	2	14	11,978	1,000 00	1,549 67	608 55	161 50	2
0	0	10	—	—	36 72	10 00	none	3
0	0	1½	—	—	—	—	52 00	4
1	1	9	18,052	949 34	949 34	424 70	417 82	5
3	14	48	91,362	10,200 00	11,862 21	2,173 28	5,308 89	6
0	25	17	135,197	631 65	1,892 29	954 96	574 94	7
0	0	6	—	70 00	98 00	48 00	50 00	8
0	0	31	60,312	6,038 13	8,385 13	1,589 59	2,798 44	9
1	30	57	99,180	none	30,276 49	4,368 86	12,016 06	10
1	6	57	62,624	8,459 39	11,922 41	1,766 32	6,618 76	11
2	0	66	193,665	25,252 91	28,999 45	6,251 18	13,914 06	12
1	3	14	14,028	1,000 00	1,181 06	560 23	500 00	13
0	0	10	3,912	800 00	800 00	219 08	175 00	14
0	0	15	8,584	none	1,540 93	265 82	350 00	15
0	0	21	14,188	1,500 00	1,500 00	405 49	456 25	16
1	7	54	65,176	6,275 00	6,275 00	1,560 42	3,230 85	17
4	8	69	130,445	20,023 95	21,139 62	3,056 01	8,039 94	18
1	0	15	21,252	2,000 00	2,421 10	1,138 90	754 05	19
0	0	6½	24,178	852 55	852 55	446 22	367 25	20
0	0	18	14,592	2,000 00	2,103 42	545 47	625 00	21
0	0	9	2,664	75 00	2,074 61	229 46	300 00	22
0	0	8	5,467	125 00	475 84	106 89	250 00	23
0	0	10	7,296	150 00	821 40	246 32	420 00	24
0	0	22	23,223	300 00	1,527 27	297 84	615 27	25
0	—	16	12,504	175 00	1,866 53	244 00	720 00	26
0	0	3	1,503	75 00	382 60	81 07	52 00	27
2	0	27½	22,459	1,526 00	5,134 29	615 31	1,915 15	28
0	5	6	2,256	200 00	258 00	91 96	100 00	29
0	0	7	15,302	500 00	1,330 77	823 26	400 00	30
0	6	9½	9,843	652 00	916 15	208 70	326 55	31
0	0	7	7,858	500 00	500 00	219 21	185 00	32
1	9	58	92,981	15,500 00	15,500 00	3,031 09	7,512 45	33
0	1	6½	3,967	500 00	500 00	168 28	111 75	34
0	0	8	6,814	950 00	1,091 74	374 99	204 17	35
0	0	11½	11,835	none	1,171 39	377 63	350 00	36
1	20	72	260,818	29,178 40	34,151 73	8,801 73	14,088 69	37
0	4	18	29,202	1,000 00	2,383 36	557 39	513 30	38
Destroyed by fire, 1928.								
1	9	7½	6,466	325 00	759 81	74 72	9 00	39
0	0	10	3,827	879 77	893 41	293 59	250 00	40
32	323	88	3,930,068	1,132,395 83	1,599,302 82	189,820 64	650,715 96	41
0	0	5½	2,488	230 15	230 15	162 05	52 00	42
0	0	3	2,438	89 74	550 13	254 31	50 00	43
0	0	10	2,217	89 74	142 74	124 49	25 00	44
3	0	25	57,838	8,430 00	10,236 23	2,824 88	3,770 50	45
0	0	8	8,107	300 00	642 00	175 00	239 00	46
0	12	30	51,708	4,041 17	4,940 00	1,041 98	2,143 00	47
0	4	9	1,117	596 78	914 61	226 00	266 19	48
2	137	78	333,458	40,503 58	42,303 58	8,617 02	23,151 82	49
0	0	27	14,626	1,250 00	1,767 50	430 72	638 00	50
4	172	82	385,849	70,500 00	73,727 89	14,687 36	40,936 23	51
0	0	6	2,497	350 00	350 00	59 16	100 00	52
6	21	79	610,543	87,105 00	88,820 17	15,215 17	52,790 00	53
0	1	42	48,848	5,000 00	5,552 86	1,168 12	1,983 26	54

† Circulation figures for Feeding Hills and North Agawam included.

## STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

LIBRARY	Librarian.	Population 1925.	Valuation.
61 Carlisle: Gleason P. L. 1	Mrs. Mary A. Green	510	\$824,127
62 Carver P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. Myrtle L. Atwood	1,306	2,928,255
63 *Charlemont F. Town L. 1, 2	Mrs. Walter H. Smith	820	1,029,799
64 Charlton F. P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. Ellen M. Robbins	2,295	1,614,170
65 Chatham: Eldredge P. L. 2	Edna M. Hardy	1,741	5,326,840
66 So. Chatham: Pilgrim L.	Helen M. Littlefield	—	—
67 Chelmsford: Adams L. 2	Mrs. Ida A. Jeffs	6,573	7,591,420
68 No. Chelmsford P. L. 1	Eva M. Wheeler	—	—
69 *CHELSEA P. L.	Esther C. Johnson	47,247	56,567,900
70 Cheshire L. Assoc. 1	Mrs. Fred L. Wood	1,842	1,371,750
71 Chester: F. P. L. 1	Mrs. Maria L. Ripley	1,514	1,355,385
72 Chesterfield T. L. (RFD Williamsburg)	W. H. Baker	445	519,480
73 CHICOPEE P. L.	Anne A. Smith	41,882	50,768,620
74 Chilmark F. P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. Amy West	240	565,947
75 Chalkburg T. L. (RFD No. Adams) 1	Ruth Lyman	1,222	682,186
76 Clinton: Bigelow F. P. L. 2	Helen A. Thissell	14,180	15,628,349
77 Cohasset: Paul Pratt Mem. L.	Annie N. Keene	2,913	10,565,005
78 *Nantasket L. (No. Cohasset)	Myriam Muirhead	—	—
79 Colrain: Griswold Mem. L.	Bertha L. Read	1,562	1,333,095
80 Concord F. P. L.	Sarah R. Bartlett	7,056	8,276,211
81 Conway: Field Mem. L. 2	Mrs. Lulu M. Ralston	931	927,117
82 Cummington: Bryant F. L.	Mrs. A. H. Morey	508	467,700
83 Dalton F. P. L. 2, 3	Marjorie H. Martin	4,092	5,369,587
84 Dana F. P. L.	Nellie I. Shattuck	657	779,787
85 No. Dana F. P. L. 1	Grace A. Haskins	—	—
86 Danvers: Peabody Inst. L. 2, 3	Bessie E. Ropes	11,798	11,828,700
87 Dartmouth F. P. L.	Emma E. Sherratt	9,026	12,230,175
88 No. Dartmouth P. L. 2	Alice W. Gidley	—	—
89 *So. Dartmouth: Southworth L. 2, 3	Mrs. Alice D. Myers	—	—
90 Dedham P. L. 2, 3	Anna P. Rolland	13,918	23,983,455
91 Deerfield: Dickinson L. 2	Jane Pratt	2,968	4,125,742
92 So. Deerfield: Tilton L. 2, 3	Mrs. Ellen S. Billings	—	—
93 Dennis Mem. L. Assoc.	Mrs. B. C. Hall	1,749	2,881,443
94 E. Dennis: Jacob Sears Mem. L. 2	Mrs. B. N. Kelley	—	—
95 S. Dennis F. P. L. Assoc. 2	Mrs. Benj. F. Sears	—	—
96 W. Dennis F. P. L. 2	Mrs. Louise J. Darling	—	—
97 Dighton P. L. 2	Mrs. Lydia J. Cole	3,208	3,895,902
98 Douglas: Simon Fairfield P. L. (East Douglas) 3	Rosalie E. Williams	2,363	1,782,449
99 *Dover Town L. 1, 2	Mrs. Arthur R. Treadwell	1,044	3,587,466
100 Dracont: Moses Greeley Parker Mem. L. 2, 3	Alta Linscott	6,400	4,033,372
101 Dudley F. P. L. (RFD Webster) 2	Margaret D. Crawford	4,594	3,574,565
102 *Conant Library	Mrs. George A. Gould	—	—
103 Dunstable F. P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. Lizzie A. Swallow	338	482,783
104 Duxbury F. L. 1, 2, 3	Mrs. Beatrice F. Fisher	1,688	6,900,418
105 East Bridgewater P. L. 2, 3	Mrs. George Chandler	3,538	4,609,529
106 East Brookfield P. L. 1	Mrs. Annie R. Hayes	929	1,112,230
107 East Longmeadow P. L. 1, 2	Mabel M. Ellis	3,134	3,611,480
108 Eastham P. L. 2	Mrs. Blanche A. Keefe	494	1,132,807
109 Easthampton P. L. Assoc. 1, 2, 3	Emma H. Parsons	11,587	13,670,315
110 Easton: Ames F. L. (No. Easton) 2, 3	Mary L. Lamprey	5,333	5,092,645
111 Edgartown F. P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. L. L. Wimpenny	1,235	3,561,721
112 Egremont F. L. (So. Egremont)	Hilda Brusie	477	879,414
113 Enfield L. Assoc. 1, 2	Mrs. Charles N. Downing	749	684,460
114 Erving F. P. L.	Mrs. Lilla L. W. Brown	1,334	2,237,434
115 Essex: T. O. H. P. Burnham P. L.	Frances S. Lowe	1,403	1,508,099
116 EVERETT: Frederick E. Parlin Mem. L. 2, 3	Georgia W. Rathbone	42,072	72,257,375
117 No. Everett: Shute Mem. L. 3	Mrs. G. S. MacAdam	—	—
118 Fairhaven: Millicent L. 1	Avis M. Pillsbury	10,827	11,690,074
119 FALL RIVER: P. L. 1, 3	Leo R. Etzkorn	128,993	156,347,050
120 Falmouth F. P. L. 1, 2	Cecelia L. Bowerman	4,694	19,886,543
121 No. Falmouth L. 2	Mrs. Mabelle L. Shattuck	—	—
122 *Waquoit L.	Mrs. William A. Hatch	—	—
123 West Falmouth L. 2	Albert S. Bowerman	—	—
124 Woods Hole F. P. L. 1	Mrs. Ernest Rohmeling	—	—
125 FITCHBURG P. L. 3	George E. Nutting	43,609	58,621,975
126 *Florida F. P. L. (Hoosac Tunnel)	—	362	1,398,419
127 Foxborough: Boyden P. L. 1, 2, 3	Ida F. Carpenter	4,934	5,661,812
128 Framingham Town L. 2, 3	Edith B. Hayes	21,078	34,494,392
129 Franklin L. Assoc.	Miss M. R. Daniels	7,055	9,203,010
130 Freetown: G. H. Hathaway L. (Assonet) 1	Addie M. Wing	1,663	1,679,385

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Branches.	Deposits.	Hours open per Week.	Circulation.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Total Income.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Services.	
0	0	4½	3,734	\$450 00	\$1,061 56	\$175 68	\$130 00	61
0	0	8	3,875	100 00	270 78	104 69	150 00	62
0	0	10½	10,773	350 00	524 54	236 47	193 50	64
0	—	16½	17,785	1,250 00	3,265 83	586 06	624 00	65
0	0	3	1,000	200 00	200 00	—	75 00	66
0	0	18	15,723	2,000 00	2,000 00	870 69	500 00	67
0	0	5	14,016	1,100 00	1,110 00	299 68	415 92	68
0	0	9	8,000	295 71	464 14	88 08	200 00	70
0	0	8	9,005	600 00	728 49	197 87	300 00	71
1	0	1½	3,115	240 92	240 92	184 90	55 00	72
4	0	48	217,787	24,700 00	25,465 26	7,617 40	11,440 35	73
0	0	7	2,768	216 78	261 28	106 03	50 00	74
3	0	2	—	100 00	100 00	100 00	none	75
0	0	72	74,953	13,009 67	13,009 67	1,361 25	7,182 37	76
1	0	39	24,511	4,900 00	9,604 08	1,283 37	2,926 82	77
0	7	9	7,125	300 00	2,225 46	195 21	306 00	79
1	0	72	87,895	9,952 77	15,640 70	4,038 45	7,048 27	80
0	1	36	10,117	none	3,921 55	357 26	878 00	81
0	0	8	1,664	125 00	225 00	42 80	rent	82
0	0	36	38,533	2,563 95	4,923 90	1,142 58	2,678 25	83
0	0	3	2,176	153 32	154 50	70 82	65 00	84
0	0	36	57,584	7,000 00	11,781 99	1,631 52	3,931 30	86
0	0	2	4,158	525 00	625 00	307 49	113 00	87
0	3	10	13,000	800 00	800 00	350 00	280 00	88
2	11	42	108,301	20,195 91	21,103 50	3,597 21	8,520 58	90
0	3	8	8,372	300 00	803 34	403 22	265 00	91
0	0	11	21,380	1,093 52	1,802 62	543 17	515 15	92
0	—	2	3,328	200 00	242 64	99 81	none	93
0	0	2	1,400	200 00	473 25	221 15	50 00	94
0	0	1	1,550	200 00	214 21	115 78	50 00	95
0	0	2	7,000	200 00	656 63	510 49	81 00	96
0	0	14	16,883	1,400 00	2,900 00	571 29	519 56	97
0	5	27½	18,555	1,200 00	1,862 68	326 37	798 00	98
3	0	13	66,368	2,500 00	2,500 00	1,067 79	900 00	100
0	0	12	21,861	1,300 00	1,300 00	715 94	450 00	101
0	1	6½	3,431	none	3,585 78	207 97	150 00	103
0	3	23	20,672	1,500 00	6,264 85	880 62	2,280 00	104
0	0	20	23,845	3,200 00	3,725 32	793 31	1,547 07	105
1	0	9	16,394	850 00	850 00	251 03	361 95	106
0	1	7	12,452	764 19	764 19	459 88	250 00	107
0	1	11	7,204	25 00	855 00	226 81	288 42	108
0	8	54	80,746	5,000 00	7,755 00	2,271 00	2,551 00	109
0	0	36	26,319	none	8,419 02	1,285 97	1,756 12	110
0	0	15	17,974	1,750 00	1,778 41	600 75	585 00	111
0	0	2	600	150 00	150 00	87 65	43 20	112
0	3	5½	10,398	360 57	649 02	243 84	225 00	113
1	0	2	7,800	834 27	954 27	809 27	120 00	114
0	0	8	12,880	none	1,559 27	1,079 67	208 00	115
0	1	66	151,911	22,832 00	28,890 37	3,875 97	11,628 27	116
0	0	48	79,834	12,275 00	12,275 00	2,909 85	5,433 66	117
3	45	84	100,693	none	14,407 51	2,271 13	5,798 29	118
4	37	72	576,888	82,600 00	87,015 95	12,058 92	48,524 82	119
2	12	28	26,618	4,566 21	4,666 21	777 68	1,366 92	120
0	0	5	2,959	200 00	209 50	75 55	100 00	121
0	0	4	1,756	250 00	662 50	107 00	120 00	123
0	0	8	8,157	250 00	1,106 74	180 53	248 00	124
0	51	75½	121,562	16,710 00	18,172 08	4,627 63	9,120 30	125
0	1	28	23,894	2,300 00	2,625 00	461 00	1,225 00	126
4	54	72	179,002	26,467 12	28,188 42	5,631 67	16,806 53	128
0	0	33	18,716	2,000 00	2,302 96	692 00	1,120 00	129
0	0	4½	1,600	225 00	321 69	49 27	68 75	130

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LIBRARY.		Librarian.	Population 1925	Valuation.
131	E. Freetown Circulating L. 1, 2	Mrs. Rachel A. Allen	—	—
132	GARDNER: Levi Heywood Mem. L. 1, 2, 3	Barbara H. Smith	18,730	\$23,316,347
133	Gay Head P. L. 1	Mrs. Ruth L. Jeffers	168	126,789
134	Georgetown: Peabody L. 1	Mrs. Pearl A. Poole	1,888	1,787,195
135	Gill: Slate Mem. L. (RFD Turners Falls) 1, 2	Mrs. Ernest Blake	918	845,578
136	GLOUCESTER: Sawyer F. L. 3	Rachel S. Webber	23,375	38,373,017
137	Magnolia L. Assoc.	O. W. Richardson	—	—
138	Goshen F. P. L. 1	Nathaniel B. Hill	251	362,204
139	Gosnold F. P. L. (Cuttyhunk)	Mrs. Leona Harrington	142	1,393,461
140	Grafton F. P. L. 2, 3	Nellie J. Ainsworth	6,973	4,701,572
141	Granby F. P. L. 1	Mrs. Homer C. Taylor	810	938,551
142	Granville P. L. 1	Mrs. Mable R. Henry	609	730,423
143	Granville Center L. Assoc.	Mrs. Mary E. Barnard	—	—
144	Great Barrington: Mason Mem. L. 1, 3	Jennie K. Thompson	6,405	9,095,830
145	Housatonic: Ramsdell P. L.	Helen C. Brown	—	—
146	Greenfield P. L. 2, 3	May Ashley	15,246	23,609,825
147	Greenwich P. L. (Greenwich Village) 2	Laura E. Walker	450	646,445
148	Groton P. L. 2	Emma F. Blood	2,428	4,072,403
149	Groveland: Langley-Adams L.	Mrs. J. B. Wood	2,485	1,715,353
150	Hadley: Goodwin Mem. L. 2, 3	Grace A. Crosier	2,888	2,981,000
151	Halifax: Holmes P. L.	James T. Thomas	614	1,493,400
152	Hamilton F. P. L.	Mrs. Lydia L. Haraden	2,018	5,711,382
153	Hampden F. P. L. 1, 2, 3	Mrs. Hazel M. Burleigh	632	613,601
154	Hancock: Taylor Mem. L.	Mrs. Doris Lovejoy	510	446,717
155	Hanover: John Curtis F. L.	Mrs. Bernard Stetson	2,755	3,450,605
156	Hanson F. P. L. 2	Mrs. Ruth M. Colby	2,166	2,515,353
157	Hardwick: Paige Mem. L. 2, 3	Nettie C. Bridges	3,046	2,899,759
158	Gilbertville: P. L. 2, 3	Mary P. Colvin	—	—
159	Harvard P. L. 2	Alice I. Mandell	996	2,292,621
160	Harwich: Brooks F. L. 2	Susan L. Underwood	2,077	5,181,930
161	*Harwichport L. 1, 2	Mrs. A. H. Matson	—	—
162	West Harwich: Chase L. 2	Mrs. Ruth M. Nickerson	—	—
163	Hatfield P. L. 3	Ellen A. Waite	2,702	2,745,661
164	HAVERHILL P. L.	Donald K. Campbell	49,232	64,010,675
165	Hawley F. P. L. (RFD Charlemont)	Albert F. Sears	354	266,619
166	Heath F. P. L. 2	Mrs. Homer F. Tanner	298	380,637
167	Hingham P. L. 2, 3	Helen Eggleston	6,158	14,726,470
168	Hinsdale P. L. Assoc. 1	Mrs. Cora Lovell	1,044	943,511
169	*Hollbrook P. L.	Mrs. Grace E. White	3,273	3,165,249
170	Holden: Gale F. L.	Mrs. M. Addie Holden	3,436	3,248,498
171	Holland F. P. L. (RFD Southbridge)	Delia M. Blodgett	141	238,322
172	Holliston P. L.	Frances J. Hayes	2,812	3,480,463
173	HOLYOKE P. L. 3	Frank G. Wilcox	60,335	110,435,160
174	Hopedale: Bancroft Mem. L. 2	Walter R. Meade	3,165	4,136,841
175	Hopkinton P. L. 1	Anna K. Sheriden	2,580	2,602,159
176	Hubbardston F. P. L. 1, 2, 3	Mrs. Lucy H. Clough	1,067	922,445
177	Hudson P. L. 2, 3	Mrs. G. M. Whittemore	8,130	7,053,778
178	Hull, P. L.	Mrs. E. J. Sirovich	2,652	18,165,105
179	Huntington F. P. L. 1, 2	Marion Childs	1,543	1,087,935
180	Ipswich F. P. L. 1, 2, 3	Mrs. Grace E. Baxter	6,055	7,535,758
181	Kingston: Frederick C. Adams P. L.	Mrs. J. F. McLauthlen	2,524	4,400,285
182	Lakeville F. P. L. (RFD Middleborough) 1, 2	Mrs. Grant Hoard	1,439	1,389,854
183	Lancaster Town L. 3	Virginia M. Keyes	2,678	3,386,003
184	Lanesborough: Newton Mem. L. 1, 2	Anna M. Sturgis	1,181	1,110,344
185	*LAWRENCE F. P. L.	William A. Walsh	93,527	125,236,575
186	Lee Library Assoc. 2, 3	Mrs. Flora E. Saunders	4,058	4,924,296
187	Leicester P. L. 2	Mrs. Anna M. Collyer	4,110	3,768,859
188	Lenox L. Assoc. 1, 2, 3	Edith O. Fitch	2,895	6,609,935
189	LEOMINSTER P. L. 3	Florence E. Wheeler	22,120	22,506,365
190	Leverett: Field Mem. L.	Rev. Herbert Dixon	664	460,127
191	Lexington: Cary Mem. L. 2	Marian P. Kirkland	7,785	19,205,000
192	*Leyden: Robertson Mem. L.	Mrs. Lucy M. Howes	270	289,426
193	Lincoln P. L. 1	Mrs. May Bodley	1,306	2,828,127
194	Littleton: Reuben Hoar L. 2, 3	Margaret E. Thacher	1,411	2,405,730
195	Longmeadow: Richard Salter Storrs L.	Ruth E. Oldfield	3,333	9,311,567
196	LOWELL: City L. 3	Frederick A. Chase	110,296	130,226,530
197	Ludlow: Hubbard Mem. L. 2	Ruth T. Abbott	8,802	10,798,325
198	Lunenburg: Ritter M. L. 1	L. Frances Jones	1,875	2,225,885
199	LYNN P. L. 2, 3	Helen Luitwieler	103,081	137,626,705
200	Lynnfield P. L. (Lynnfield Centre) 2	Elizabeth W. Green	1,331	3,295,293

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Branches.	Deposits.	Hours open per Week.	Circulation.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Total Income.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Services.	
0	0	24	—	\$225 00	\$225 00	\$225 00	none	131
2	49	57	139,061	12,000 00	15,935 13	4,174 33	\$6,433 50	132
0	0	3	—	21 00	—	—	none	133
0	2	13	9,124	592 03	1,389 53	244 44	497 65	134
1	5	5	10,470	550 00	577 00	232 61	240 00	135
1	1	79	110,590	1,000 00	9,987 78	2,123 55	3,574 99	136
0	0	18	2,197	none	1,979 30	35 25	180 00	137
0	1	1	1,984	none	92 16	47 18	39 00	138
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	139
2	1	36	49,477	6,067 81	7,331 66	2,142 85	1,945 79	140
0	3	5	8,395	523 59	925 82	251 45	170 75	141
1	0	10	3,249	650 00	926 15	341 36	277 00	142
0	0	—	—	—	—	—	25 00	143
0	0	54	47,021	5,700 00	6,062 42	576 47	2,189 30	144
0	0	30	27,268	3,500 00	3,500 00	287 20	2,102 50	145
0	11	76	112,348	16,274 03	16,274 03	4,209 02	7,199 89	146
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	147
1	0	34	18,576	3,921 76	4,656 26	914 33	1,777 00	148
0	0	10	21,647	1,000 00	1,285 10	570 43	330 00	149
1	0	10	10,683	1,143 79	1,093 79	518 13	302 64	150
0	0	13	1,775	459 27	469 69	47 90	100 00	151
1	7	8	18,911	2,000 00	2,057 28	1,037 84	575 00	152
0	5	8	8,112	588 95	614 25	290 79	258 00	153
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	154
0	0	11	13,496	none	2,455 94	580 00	765 00	155
2	0	6	18,081	1,305 16	1,405 16	816 71	325 00	156
0	0	6	6,414	none	1,107 50	510 00	250 00	157
0	0	12	14,936	none	1,606 88	508 11	525 95	158
0	5	22	12,965	698 85	5,387 13	822 18	1,270 60	159
0	0	4	8,000	1,100 00	1,100 00	421 00	175 20	160
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	161
0	0	5	5,929	50 00	736 25	273 16	118 50	162
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	163
2	121	72	320,455	35,697 78	45,698 92	7,536 63	22,389 62	164
2	0	—	658	25 00	25 00	14 00	13 00	165
0	4	8	4,750	113 97	163 97	92 80	75 00	166
0	0	30	29,289	none	4,150 00	725 84	1,562 54	167
0	5	8	7,817	360 95	600 30	288 45	180 00	168
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	169
0	0	15	12,435	2,600 00	2,670 34	192 11	600 00	170
0	2	2	1,963	194 94	205 98	55 68	52 00	171
0	0	18	15,767	1,800 00	2,259 39	500 99	534 87	172
0	142	79	289,037	43,000 00	44,393 45	7,650 45	20,875 00	173
1	1	42	42,055	3,828 77	7,541 35	1,031 22	3,355 81	174
0	0	18	15,877	none	—	—	300 00	175
0	1	10	12,026	319 80	1,583 97	255 38	200 00	176
0	0	37	67,881	5,187 27	5,187 27	1,086 97	2,814 96	177
0	1	8	25,409	4,371 49	4,626 49	914 10	2,120 00	178
0	0	7	7,144	490 18	540 18	340 18	130 00	179
0	1	24	36,442	600 00	3,684 14	893 94	1,098 00	180
0	0	33	10,911	1,600 00	3,014 00	651 00	1,050 00	181
1	0	9	6,185	700 00	700 00	107 39	125 00	182
2	2	49	30,136	4,128 73	4,900 86	1,086 00	1,800 00	183
0	0	5	3,413	221 78	313 85	94 10	91 50	184
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	185
0	0	33	21,625	2,400 00	2,675 00	686 00	918 00	186
3	1	30	16,827	2,775 00	3,976 16	467 93	945 00	187
0	5	66	24,599	451 53	10,162 16	1,753 96	3,214 00	188
0	38	80	185,347	14,000 00	14,139 20	2,910 31	7,132 00	189
2	3	10	4,150	224 70	482 25	136 09	127 00	190
1	0	61	74,510	13,685 00	16,100 98	2,435 14	7,243 00	191
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	192
0	0	12	6,304	723 69	1,993 63	446 22	854 77	193
0	0	15	14,010	1,300 00	2,006 41	857 53	844 21	194
0	0	15	23,844	2,703 64	2,703 64	1,156 19	1,021 39	195
0	353	72	274,035	30,175 00	35,619 06	5,444 06	24,175 00	196
0	8	39	48,781	5,650 00	5,650 00	1,770 82	2,401 05	197
0	0	10	12,255	889 64	1,743 17	581 34	480 00	198
4	137	78	526,162	74,000 00	76,627 14	11,684 50	41,752 25	199
1	0	6	11,468	1,084 31	1,381 21	396 93	364 00	200

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	LIBRARY	Librarian	Population 1925.	Valuation.
201	MALDEN P. L. 1, 2, 3	Herbert W. Fison	51,789	\$70,809,900
202	Manchester P. L. 2, 3	Jane C. Sargent	2,499	12,289,323
203	Mansfield P. L. 1, 2, 3	Ethel F. Wood	6,590	7,578,059
204	Marblehead: Abbot P. L. 1, 3	Anna B. Cole	8,214	19,530,330
205	Marion L. Assoc. 2	Alice A. Ryder	1,271	4,934,618
206	MARLBOROUGH P. L. 2, 3	John P. McGee	16,236	16,759,973
207	Marshfield: Ventress F. L. 2, 3	Josephine A. Baker	1,777	7,068,575
208	*Marshfield Hills (Clift Rodgers F. L.) 1, 2	Doris Holmes	—	—
209	Masspee F. P. L. 1	Mrs. Flora E. Amos	298	1,047,455
210	Mattapoisett F. P. L. 1	Grace A. Tilden	1,556	3,771,449
211	Maynard P. L. 2	Mrs. M. E. Moynihan	7,857	6,885,015
212	Medfield: Mem. P. L. 2	Mrs. Clara A. Emery	3,867	2,806,439
213	Medford P. L. 2, 3	Mary H. Davis	47,627	77,121,300
214	Medway: Dean L. Assoc.	Mrs. Bertha C. Hunt	3,144	3,033,940
215	West Medway F. P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. A. B. Cole	—	—
216	MELROSE P. L. 3	Elsie M. Hatch	20,165	35,039,975
217	Mendon: Taft P. L. 1	Mrs. Verena R. Daley	1,030	1,262,400
218	*Merrimac P. L.	Susanna I. Sayre	2,349	1,925,930
219	*Merrimacport L. Assoc.	—	—	—
220	Methuen: Nevins Mem. L. 1, 2	Beatrice N. Weibel	20,606	19,210,340
221	Middleborough P. L. 2, 3	Mrs. Mertie E. Witbeck	9,136	9,111,450
222	Middlefield P. L.	Mrs. Grace H. Olds	223	325,784
223	Middleton: Flint P. L.	Edith L. Fletcher	1,667	1,770,567
224	Millford Town L. 1, 2, 3	Ethelwyn Blake	14,781	14,989,345
225	Millbury P. L.	Carolyn C. Waters	6,441	5,592,628
226	Millis P. L. 1, 2	Florence Watson	1,791	2,793,831
227	Millville P. L. 1	Mary V. Murphy	2,366	1,339,475
228	Milton P. L.	Carrie S. Allen	12,861	34,237,925
229	Monroe F. P. L. (Monroe Bridge)	Mrs. W. J. Ellis	143	956,523
230	Monson F. L. 3	Mrs. Etta A. Lewis	5,089	3,042,242
231	Montague Town L.	Mrs. Kate A. Hayden	7,973	10,475,684
232	Millers Falls	Mrs. E. A. Lawrence	—	—
233	Montague City L.	Mrs. Anne Haeussler	—	—
234	Turners Falls: Carnegie P. L. 2, 3	Edith L. Barber	—	—
235	Monterey F. P. L. 1	Newman B. Abercrombie	348	727,795
236	Montgomery F. P. L.	Augusta Williams	191	232,871
237	*Mt. Washington P. L. (Copake Falls, N. Y.) 1, 2	Mrs. W. A. Hunt	58	193,895
238	Nahant P. L. 2	May W. Perkins	1,630	5,770,397
239	Nantucket Athenaeum 2	Clara Parker	3,152	10,700,560
240	Natick: Morse Inst. L. 1, 3	Mira R. Partridge	12,871	12,745,000
241	So. Natick: Bacon F. L.	Mrs. Ella M. Karb	—	—
242	Needham F. P. L.	Barbara Abbott	8,977	20,886,385
243	*New Ashford F. P. L.	—	85	128,407
244	NEW BEDFORD F. P. L. 2, 3	George H. Tripp	119,539	187,628,500
245	New Braintree F. P. L. 1, 2, 3	Mrs. James T. Greene	423	537,671
246	New Marlborough T. L. (Mill River) 1	Frances A. Rhoades	991	1,292,699
247	New Salem F. P. L.	Mrs. Alice H. Stowell	519	590,618
248	Newbury P. L. (Byfield), 1, 2	Mrs. Chester A. Brown	1,432	2,226,555
249	NEWBURYPORT P. L.	John D. Parsons	15,656	13,432,990
250	NEWTON F. L. 3	Julius Lucht	53,003	152,533,200
251	Norfolk P. L.	Mrs. Mary E. McMullen	1,213	1,641,693
252	NORTH ADAMS P. L. 3	Mrs. Elizabeth H. Furst	22,717	24,840,741
253	North Andover: Stevens Memorial L. 1, 2, 3	Marion F. Batchelder	6,839	8,282,742
254	No. Attleborough: Richards Mem. L. 1, 3	Ethel M. Rix	9,790	10,049,370
255	No. Brookfield F. P. L. 1	Mrs. Ella C. White	3,046	2,408,060
256	No. Reading: Flint L. 1	Addie W. Gowing	1,689	2,206,524
257	NORTHAMPTON: Forbes L. 3	Joseph L. Harrison	24,145	28,444,340
258	Florence: Lilly L. 2, 3	Mrs. Mary W. Field	—	—
259	Northborough F. L. 2	M. Evelyn Potter	1,968	2,069,092
260	Northbridge: (Whitinsville) Social L. 3	Ethel M. Pope	10,051	8,902,600
261	Northfield: Dickinson Mem. L. 1, 2, 3	C. Ina Merriam	1,821	1,900,147
262	*N'd Farms L. Assoc. (RFD Northfield) 1	Mrs. Charles Gilbert	—	—
263	Norton P. L. 2	Mrs. C. C. Hubbard	2,769	2,370,500
264	Norwell: James L. 2	Marion G. Merritt	1,466	1,937,455
265	Accord: Ridge Hill L. 1	Mrs. Wm. J. Leonard	—	—
266	Norwood: Morrill Mem. L. 1, 2, 3	Jane A. Hewett	14,151	26,570,250
267	*Oak Bluffs F. P. L. 2	Mrs. Mabel A. Mayhew	1,314	3,830,801
268	Oakham: Fobes Mem. L.	Mrs. Jessie D. Russell	525	469,343
269	Orange: Wheeler Mem. L. 1, 2, 3	N. Gertrude Hendrickson	5,141	5,302,585
270	Orleans: Snow L. 2	Mary S. Cummings	1,078	3,827,730

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3	89	70	408,084	\$28,000 00	\$57,254 73	\$8,713 49	\$25,541 17	201
0	0	36	31,837	4,087 20	4,087 20	1,038 54	2,819 00	202
2	13	42	59,494	5,000 00	5,002 50	1,452 74	2,878 65	203
1	243	37	66,974	5,546 27	7,987 83	2,040 07	4,299 61	204
0	0	52½	19,424	300 00	4,279 49	978 80	2,100 00	205
0	0	60	74,987	8,808 12	9,581 84	1,155 21	5,267 52	206
0	9	14	12,350	1,100 00	1,236 80	422 25	645 46	207
0	0	3	2,080	300 00	300 00	—	100 00	209
0	0	12	9,715	1,535 07	1,535 07	370 24	364 73	210
0	0	37	34,783	3,513 19	3,513 19	509 15	1,300 00	211
0	0	27	14,486	1,850 00	2,258 31	388 87	662 92	212
4	8	66	150,757	32,700 00	32,700 00	9,901 67	14,456 97	213
0	0	9	—	250 00	450 00	245 00	100 00	214
0	0	6	7,664	1,000 00	1,000 00	420 00	150 00	215
4	0	69	158,570	20,926 20	20,926 20	5,071 84	11,901 20	216
0	0	6½	9,097	550 00	814 96	326 92	225 00	217
0	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	218
0	0	45	47,724	none	10,024 00	1,563 82	4,547 25	219
0	6	72	81,863	6,765 00	10,357 69	2,750 00	4,100 00	220
0	1	5	2,000	77 39	77 39	52 39	25 00	221
0	2	6	9,014	332 59	1,259 16	131 88	400 40	222
0	0	25	62,193	4,000 00	4,500 00	1,180 65	2,259 00	223
0	0	20½	19,000	2,500 00	2,547 15	525 78	1,257 00	224
0	0	12	9,430	629 42	719 42	356 21	267 00	225
0	7	3	16,637	527 00	527 00	427 00	100 00	226
3	57	56	136,450	20,500 00	27,414 35	5,317 95	10,494 11	227
0	0	4	1,239	94 28	98 98	51 72	25 00	228
1	2	45	22,112	500 00	3,013 00	690 12	1,183 47	229
0	0	8	9,122	903 23	903 23	174 69	375 20	230
0	0	7½	5,000 est.	853 24	853 24	343 98	176 00	231
0	0	2½	—	none	none	14 31	none	232
0	0	36	48,539	5,206 46	5,211 26	1,563 96	1,777 87	233
0	2	4	2,129	200 00	241 28	141 93	78 00	234
0	0	2	—	45 50	45 50	17 00	25 00	235
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	236
0	4	22	21,667	5,899 09	5,899 09	1,509 64	1,408 50	237
1	0	23	34,996	2,500 00	4,597 86	766 58	3,091 59	238
0	8	72	91,084	12,566 44	15,106 15	2,608 88	9,422 62	239
0	0	13½	9,849	none	2,158 90	297 17	391 34	240
0	4	42	66,522	8,889 75	9,464 25	2,250 27	4,327 36	241
3	220	79	598,736	67,042 00	80,825 00	12,094 61	43,094 96	242
0	0	3	5,194	341 05	341 05	244 03	35 00	243
4	7	6	4,878	250 00	563 29	264 66	200 00	244
0	0	7	3,278	500 00	500 00	150 00	150 00	245
0	0	67	81,999	12,493 30	19,832 56	3,682 87	7,947 09	246
9	50	81	647,441	77,537 04	82,914 02	20,986 63	41,299 43	247
0	0	3	4,049	450 00	450 00	116 00	114 00	248
3	9	66	131,695	14,250 00	15,447 86	4,145 65	6,486 15	249
0	3	33	38,349	6,000 00	8,738 36	2,097 26	2,683 30	250
0	5	44	39,550	6,500 00	6,500 00	1,998 75	2,702 57	251
0	0	33	25,580	2,700 00	2,700 00	661 40	1,124 85	252
1	3	11	11,626	722 30	875 50	329 36	207 00	253
2	9	76	150,665	20,000 00	40,900 07	10,449 98	22,079 19	254
0	0	36	28,125	900 00	2,283 00	194 22	1,424 61	255
0	3	15½	14,993	1,083 13	2,635 61	759 75	583 33	256
1	14	33	89,127	8,500 00	10,003 49	2,707 58	4,590 99	257
0	19	18	13,771	800 00	1,526 58	290 07	50 00	258
0	0	9	10,482	900 00	1,472 23	375 89	425 00	259
0	0	7	2,396	200 00	870 00	138 19	180 00	260
0	0	3	1,204	75 00	75 00	70 00	none	261
0	7	66	101,140	15,995 25	16,051 35	2,794 84	9,420 00	262
0	0	8	2,392	847 94	1,091 39	24 40	150 00	263
1	11	36	63,790	5,996 65	5,996 65	1,240 75	2,543 78	264
0	0	14	13,278	—	—	—	—	265

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LIBRARY.	Librarian.	Population 1925.	Valuation.
271 Otis F. P. L. 1	Mrs. Kate H. Somes	395	\$503,065
272 Oxford: Charles Larned Mem. L. 2	Harriet B. Kilton	4,026	3,005,191
273 Palmer: Young Men's L. Assoc.	May Robinson	11,044	11,511,124
274 Paxton: Richards Mem. L. 1	Mrs. F. K. Hyde	591	861,089
275 PEABODY Institute L. 3	John E. Keefe	19,870	23,368,400
276 Pelham F. P. L. (RFD Amherst)	Mrs. Ida H. Weaver	519	667,600
277 *Pembroke F. L. 2	Ellen F. Cox	1,480	2,771,845
278 *Bryantville: Cobb L. 2, 3	Mrs. Julia W. Morton		
279 Pepperell: Lawrence L. 2, 3	Helen M. Wiley	2,779	3,031,608
280 *Peru F. P. L.		113	303,177
281 Petersham Mem. L. 1, 2, 3	Mrs. S. C. Warren	672	1,476,663
282 Phillipston: Phillips F. P. L. 3	Mrs. A. Edward Martin	384	346,175
283 PITTSFIELD: Berkshire Athenaeum	Harlan H. Ballard	46,877	57,796,635
284 Plainfield: Shaw Mem. L. 1	Florence Bliss	282	343,967
285 Plainville P. L. 1, 2	Elmer C. Pease	1,512	1,458,218
286 Plymouth P. L. 2, 3	Mrs. John Figmie	13,176	25,124,125
287 *Loring Reading Room, No. Plymouth	Maud B. Colcord	—	—
288 Manomet P. L. Assoc. 2	Mrs. Emma M. Bartlett		
289 Plympton P. L. 1, 2	Helen S. Robbins	511	711,692
290 Princeton P. L. 1, 2	Rev. F. F. G. Donaldson	773	1,305,322
291 Provincetown P. L.	Abbie C. Putnam	3,787	4,091,544
292 QUINCY: Thomas Crane P. L. 3	Galen W. Hill	60,055	138,368,775
293 Randolph: Turner F. L.	Sarah C. Belcher	5,644	5,549,250
294 Raynham F. P. L. (Raynham Center) 1	Lucy W. Thompson	2,128	1,793,466
295 Reading P. L. 2	Bertha L. Brown	8,693	15,226,119
296 Rehoboth: Blanding F. P. L.	Annie C. Goff	2,332	2,127,664
297 REVERE P. L. 1	Nina E. Cross	33,261	41,355,500
298 Richmond F. P. L. 1	Ida H. Barnes	619	662,942
299 Rochester F. P. L. 1	Mrs. Annie T. Wilbur	1,100	1,163,737
300 Rockland Mem. L. 2, 3	Mrs. Lida A. Clark	7,966	8,239,024
301 Rockport P. L. 2	Mabel L. Woodfall	3,949	5,547,290
302 *Pigeon Cove L.	Mrs. M. B. F. Mitchell		—
303 Rowe Town L.	Mary Vollor, Acting	292	666,319
304 Rowley F. P. L. 1, 2	Marian G. Todd	1,408	1,359,622
305 Royalston: P. S. Newton L. 1, 2	Mrs. Elsie B. Jewett	821	904,382
306 Russell F. P. L. 2	Mrs. James Walkinshaw	1,398	4,002,118
307 Rutland F. P. L. 1, 2	L. Edna Wheeler	2,236	1,310,453
308 SALEM P. L.	Gardner M. Jones	42,821	57,415,540
309 Salisbury F. P. L. 2	Mrs. F. M. Pettingill	1,820	3,073,799
310 Sandisfield P. L. (New Boston) 1	Ivy Strickland	480	701,720
311 Sandwich: Weston Mem. L. 1, 2, 3	Mrs. George E. Burbank	1,479	2,527,645
312 Saugus F. P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. Laura H. Taylor	12,743	13,710,579
313 Savoy F. P. L. 2, 3	Mrs. Eva L. Sherman	399	255,175
314 Scituate: Allen Mem. L. 2	Mrs. Edith M. Freeman	2,713	12,855,379
315 No. Scituate: Pierce Mem. L. 2	Mrs. George E. Knowles	—	—
316 Seekonk P. L.	Alice E. Woodbury	4,191	4,658,830
317 Sharon P. L. 2, 3	Mrs. Edith S. Hodsdon	3,119	6,524,868
318 Sheffield F. Town L. 1	Willard C. French	1,614	1,444,642
319 Shelburne P. L. (Shelburne Falls)	Hattie A. Fiske	1,538	2,653,297
320 Shelburne Falls: Arms L. 2	Mrs. S. A. Field	—	—
321 Sherborn: Dowse Mem. L. 2	Mrs. Frances Bardwell	929	1,784,617
322 Shirley P. L. 2, 3	Grace M. Kilburn	2,394	2,042,264
323 Shrewsbury F. P. L.		5,819	7,845,819
324 Shutesbury: M. N. Spear Mem. L. (RFD No. 2 Montague)	Mrs. N. E. Crossman	208	445,503
325 Somerset F. P. L. 1, 3	Flora B. Wood	4,818	13,902,572
326 SOMERVILLE P. L. 2	George H. Evans	99,032	118,840,900
327 So. Hadley: Gaylord Mem. L.	Gertrude E. Gaylord	6,609	9,896,198
328 So. Hadley Falls F. P. L. 2, 3	Lottie I. Judd		—
329 Southampton: Edwards L. 1	Mrs. E. L. Clark	916	889,103
330 Southborough: Fay L. 2	Sarah V. Stivers	2,053	3,200,822
331 Southbridge: Jacob Edwards L. 3	Ella E. Miersch	15,489	11,191,215
332 Southwick P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. Musetta A. Phelps	1,267	1,925,046
333 Spencer: Richard Sugden P. L. 1, 2, 3	Mrs. Dora N. Hodgdon	6,523	4,356,749
334 SPRINGFIELD: City Library Assoc. 1, 3	Hiller C. Wellman	142,065	309,611,140
335 Sterling: Conant F. P. L. 2	Mrs. Fannie D. Lent	1,516	1,727,670
336 Stockbridge L. Assoc. 2	Olga M. Wilcox	1,830	5,535,163
337 Stoneham P. L. 2, 3	Martha A. Jackson	9,084	12,632,975
338 Stoughton P. L. 2	Alice G. Leary	7,857	8,472,767
339 Stow: Randall Mem. L. 1, 2	Eleanor L. Smith	1,185	1,609,513
340 Sturbridge: Joshua Hyde P. L.	Susan L. Haynes	1,845	1,269,525

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0	0	6	1,755	\$200 00	\$200 00	\$85 00	\$52 00	271
1	0	10	19,015	1,840 05	1,957 25	312 39	510 00	272
3	24	33	71,038	4,600 00	4,758 60	1,614 24	2,261 88	273
0	1	12½	4,738	1,255 90	3,271 32	304 85	1,304 04	274
0	0	37	78,637	4,000 00	10,200 00	2,899 21	6,100 00	275
3	0	2	1,200	186 40	286 40	243 09	39 00	276
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	277
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	278
0	0	29	17,474	800 00	3,015 40	440 14	\$68 00	279
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	280
0	1	7½	5,324	300 00	2,134 25	276 50	414 25	281
0	4	5	—	75 00	262 00	165 00	97 00	282
0	0	73	150,971	28,231 30	33,899 56	3,168 95	19,956 58	283
0	0	5	2,090	94 04	—	—	—	284
0	0	6	8,405	852 26	852 26	463 49	159 00	285
0	36	66	110,830	9,000 00	11,250 00	2,800 00	4,676 00	286
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	287
0	0	8	4,295	750 00	786 48	277 50	300 00	288
0	1	6	3,662	325 00	325 00	146 78	128 30	289
0	0	6	4,618	250 00	735 05	202 27	200 00	290
0	0	21	16,716	1,200 00	1,652 56	326 73	576 50	291
12	134	76	610,288	60,336 41	61,977 41	15,933 99	25,532 84	292
0	0	19½	—	450 00	2,945 30	590 84	910 80	293
0	0	5	4,000	532 61	571 64	171 15	198 56	294
0	5	26	55,822	7,500 00	7,501 60	2,275 38	3,760 95	295
1	0	2	—	—	—	100 00	50 00	296
0	1	45	46,904	7,570 00	7,570 00	1,367 55	3,950 00	297
0	3	12	2,556	325 00	325 00	122 64	200 00	298
1	7	5	—	350 00	471 19	304 21	138 38	299
0	0	36	61,620	5,535 60	5,535 60	1,117 24	2,302 50	300
0	0	19	18,087	2,650 00	3,236 87	1,118 14	870 00	301
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	302
0	3	6	1,398	100 00	167 25	74 26	100 00	303
0	0	7	—	654 98	683 80	496 60	175 00	304
0	0	6½	5,277	330 00	403 51	172 40	75 00	305
1	0	4½	8,390	700 00	700 00	430 00	245 00	306
0	0	13	6,262	590 43	759 34	272 71	223 00	307
3	57	78	168,626	31,380 00	35,402 83	5,837 02	16,280 58	308
1	0	10	14,504	914 22	914 22	539 38	229 25	309
1	0	2	400	130 46	155 46	101 89	50 50	310
0	0	15½	19,962	475 00	3,885 83	412 77	1,250 00	311
4	0	36	64,931	6,500 00	6,591 38	3,000 00	2,108 64	312
2	—	—	1,312	100 99	100 99	66 66	30 00	313
0	0	13½	7,206	1,000 00	1,009 00	—	180 00	314
0	0	11	7,500	900 00	1,937 30	699 37	226 75	315
1	0	3	8,695	500 00	500 00	303 65	124 80	316
0	14	18	23,678	2,639 00	3,402 34	586 61	1,061 85	317
0	0	4	4,891	737 20	825 60	309 43	194 70	318
0	0	6	5,939	400 00	542 50	422 79	100 00	319
0	0	15	30,564	1,400 00	2,303 00	830 53	454 76	320
0	0	16	7,783	2,193 05	2,193 05	379 73	500 00	321
0	0	9	13,387	1,424 29	1,437 17	615 39	394 80	322
2	2	30	33,533	4,586 43	6,566 47	1,697 93	2,392 33	323
0	0	1	1,061	86 26	86 26	58 79	20 00	324
0	2	13½	12,974	2,000 00	2,000 00	495 86	458 41	325
3	337	72	570,558	71,803 07	76,125 14	17,045 08	49,968 82	326
0	12	16½	21,759	1,266 67	2,659 17	816 63	738 10	327
0	0	24	21,220	2,533 00	2,873 30	930 28	700 00	328
0	0	6½	—	439 56	568 19	143 46	125 00	329
2	0	25	12,037	1,674 98	2,000 18	329 17	638 60	330
0	0	56½	94,518	8,000 00	11,191 30	2,600 66	4,934 21	331
0	—	8½	6,897	375 00	510 00	226 80	150 00	332
0	9	39	34,795	none	5,393 46	456 86	1,000 00	333
4	560	74	1,722,156	†197,520 00	†252,310 79	35,587 11	127,310 51	334
0	0	10	9,634	200 00	516 85	368 00	204 00	335
1	0	51	22,860	3,000 00	4,615 00	779 31	2,190 00	336
0	—	42	53,457	6,750 00	6,750 00	1,356 87	2,384 37	337
1	0	23	87,457	5,911 00	7,178 19	2,492 20	2,455 25	338
0	0	9½	—	none	602 29	103 58	101 70	339
1	1	7	10,323	500 00	894 67	298 68	374 00	340

† Includes museums.

## STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

LIBRARY.		Librarian.	Population 1925.	Valuation.
341	Sudbury: Goodnow P. L. (So. Sudbury) 2	Mrs. Mabel S. Gohlke	1,394	2,257,645
342	Sunderland: Graves L. 1, 2, 3	Mrs. Mary B. Pomeroy	1,290	1,099,547
343	Sutton F. P. L. (RFD Millbury) 2	Mrs. E. Florence Freeland	2,174	1,744,256
344	Swampscott P. L.	Lucy M. Eveleth	8,953	22,609,112
345	Swansea F. P. L.	Ruth B. Eddy	3,250	4,271,020
346	TAUNTON P. L.	Joshua E. Crane	39,255	38,915,730
347	Templeton: Boynton P. L. 2	Grace E. Blodgett	4,368	2,858,061
348	Tewksbury P. L. 2	Abbie M. Blaisdell	4,985	3,390,948
349	Tisbury: (Vineyard Haven) P. L. 1	Bessie H. Stanton	1,431	5,972,830
350	Tolland F. P. L. 1, 2	Laura J. Fuller	150	305,861
351	Topsfield Town L.	Mrs. George F. Dow	915	2,939,890
352	Townsend: P. L. 1, 3	Mrs. Evelyn L. Warren	1,895	1,858,825
353	Truro: Cobb Mem. L. 1, 2	Mrs. Sarah V. Yates	504	1,117,826
354	Tyngsborough: Littlefield L. 1, 2	Jennie J. Bancroft	1,107	1,216,088
355	Tyringham F. P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. Eloise L. Myers	280	401,738
356	Upton Town L. 2	Helen A. Fay	1,988	1,318,257
357	Uxbridge F. P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. Beatrice P. Sprague	6,172	7,144,910
358	Wakefield: Lucius Beebe Mem. L. 2, 3	Helen F. Carleton	15,611	22,318,365
359	Wales F. P. L. 2	Mrs. L. H. Thompson	434	389,726
360	Walpole F. L. 1, 2	Casindania Eaton	6,508	14,527,962
361	WALTHAM P. L.	Leslie T. Little	34,746	57,731,850
362	Ware: Young Men's L. Assoc.	Mary L. Smith	8,629	7,121,530
363	Wareham F. L. 2	Mrs. Mae C. Miller	5,594	11,786,160
364	Warren P. L.	Ada L. Wetherbee	3,950	3,597,242
365	West Warren L. Assoc. 2	Rose T. Faneuf	—	—
366	Warwick F. L.	Mrs. Mary C. Cole	364	430,191
367	*Washington F. L.	Maude B. Smith	231	189,656
368	Watertown F. P. L. 2, 3	Lydia W. Masters	25,480	51,605,460
369	Wayland F. P. L.	Margaret E. Wheeler	2,255	5,243,048
370	Webster: Chester C. Corbin P. L. 3	Mrs. P. P. Kingsbury	13,389	11,680,448
371	Wellesley F. L. 3	Kathleen A. Kennedy	9,049	34,388,125
372	*Wellfleet P. L. 2	Mrs. Kate E. Brown	786	1,698,646
373	Wendell F. L. (Wendell Depot)	Marion E. Whitney	397	775,933
374	Wenham P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. Frank J. Burton	1,145	3,582,922
375	W. Boylston: Beaman Mem. L.	Annie M. Waite	1,916	1,831,929
376	W. Bridgewater P. L. 2	Charlotte L. Williams	3,121	3,095,749
377	W. Brookfield: Merriam P. L.	Helen P. Shackley	1,314	1,336,986
378	W. Newbury P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. Sarah O. Bailey	1,337	1,188,409
379	W. Springfield P. L.	Marion Bowler	15,326	27,765,534
380	W. Stockbridge P. L. 1	Mrs. Susan W. Blake	1,212	1,193,528
381	W. Tisbury F. P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. Emma M. Whiting	332	734,458
382	Westborough P. L. 2	Mrs. Abbie F. Judd	6,348	4,433,848
383	WESTFIELD Athenium 2, 3	Harold T. Dougherty	19,342	21,301,962
384	Westford: J. V. Fletcher P. L. 2	May E. Day	3,571	4,174,326
385	Westhampton: Reunion T. L. (RFD North- ampton) 2	Mrs. Marion C. Mascho	337	323,665
386	Westminster: Forbush Mem. L. 2, 3	Sarah F. Greene	1,884	8,694,508
387	Weston P. L.	Maude M. Pennock	2,906	1,358,817
388	Westport P. L.	Emily F. Sisson	4,207	6,061,050
389	Westport F. P. L. (Central Village) 2	Mrs. A. R. Howland	—	—
390	Westport Point Mem. L. 3	Katharine S. Hall	—	—
391	Westwood P. L. 2	Annie L. Richardson	1,706	4,365,881
392	Weymouth: Tufts L. 2, 3	Christine E. Evarts	17,253	43,094,685
393	So. Weymouth: Fogg L.	Mary A. Fogg	—	—
394	*Whately P. L.	Arlene I. Roote	1,229	1,077,826
395	Whitman P. L. 2, 3	Grace W. Holbrook	7,857	8,042,940
396	Wilbraham F. P. L. 2	Mrs. J. T. Abbott	2,833	3,397,684
397	Williamsburg: Meekins Mem. L. 2	Mrs. Wells G. Bisbee	1,993	1,334,699
398	Haydenville P. L.	Maude E. Warner	—	—
399	Williamstown P. L.	Mrs. Grace B. Sutherland	4,006	7,100,005
400	So. Williamstown P. L.	Mrs. Carl R. Lamb	—	—
401	Wilmington P. L. 2	Anna T. Sheldon	3,515	4,115,900
402	Winchendon: Beals Mem. L. 2	Leslie R. Arnold	6,173	5,582,505
403	Winchester P. L. 2	Cora A. Quimby	11,565	30,490,900
404	Windsor: Crane Community L.	Mrs. W. C. Goddell	388	443,387
405	Winthrop P. L. 2, 3	Dorothy L. Kinney	16,158	25,388,700
406	WOBURN P. L. 2, 3	William D. Goddard	18,370	20,098,565
407	No. W.: Eunice Thompson Mem. L. 1, 2	Dorothea A. Blue	—	—
408	WORCESTER F. P. L. 2, 3	Robert K. Shaw	190,757	341,605,750
409	Worthington: F. S. Huntington L. 1	Arthur G. Capen	429	522,044
410	Wrentham: Fiske P. L. 2	Ernest A. Hall	3,214	3,441,442
411	Yarmouth L. Assoc. (Yarmouth Port) 2	Mrs. L. C. Matthews	1,532	4,162,075
412	So. Yarmouth F. Social L. 2	Mrs. George Sears	—	—
413	West Yarmouth L.	Mrs. Prescott H. Baker	—	—

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1	1	12	7,065	\$500 00	\$1,404 87	\$409 53	\$456 00
0	6	7	15,000	513 27	943 57	306 00	247 87
4	4	6	13,911	623 72	719 48	529 26	149 00
0	0	45	51,894	7,500 00	8,143 46	1,965 44	4,507 10
1	4	8	13,297	1,050 00	1,426 60	741 14	450 00
3	3	69½	137,986	20,500 00	22,348 60	6,530 81	9,562 00
0	3	7½	35,126	2,449 16	3,363 23	1,151 31	916 23
0	2	8½	16,900	1,278 28	1,278 28	754 81	429 50
0	0	11	14,778	800 00	800 00	25 60	544 90
1	0	—	—	75 00	75 00	41 19	18 84
0	1	5	5,394	none	732 93	352 48	160 00
0	4	20	14,737	1,486 73	3,678 16	526 23	737 00
2	0	6	3,535	629 06	629 06	175 55	204 00
0	1	7	9,994	620 00	1,204 85	245 14	244 90
0	0	2	1,462	175 00	189 40	75 15	58 96
1	0	8	14,777	760 00	997 50	458 50	375 20
1	6	37	29,785	3,215 97	5,133 70	744 02	2,091 44
1	25	70	186,384	24,216 10	28,299 62	8,541 25	11,000 76
0	3	4	2,284	236 71	274 81	107 89	94 25
3	21	36	60,028	7,000 00	7,000 00	2,000 00	2,450 00
2	116	72	331,788	38,677 64	39,409 56	8,000 00	24,400 00
0	2	32	52,217	1,917 34	6,554 31	1,574 98	2,708 00
0	0	18	20,576	2,000 00	3,426 53	752 95	450 00
0	0	36	10,822	750 00	1,457 50	414 71	800 00
0	0	19½	12,085	750 00	826 09	181 74	496 00
0	0	10	4,856	345 00	591 30	290 09	219 10
2	43	72	302,825	34,100 00	34,996 41	6,908 92	18,024 08
1	5	21	28,167	4,198 00	5,458 00	1,770 00	1,955 00
0	6	42	81,167	8,000 00	10,050 18	1,580 00	4,579 22
3	4	72	113,006	14,771 39	16,960 33	3,478 59	8,329 58
0	0	3	2,408	157 50	184 27	53 97	52 00
0	0	3	12,961	1,500 00	1,527 00	523 59	627 60
1	3	26	15,000	2,510 37	2,810 37	575 93	802 00
1	7	13	22,360	1,601 66	1,832 44	838 38	615 77
0	3	28	20,098	1,353 99	2,296 65	686 86	682 95
1	2	9½	8,026	645 07	717 81	127 20	326 00
4	21	60	130,627	11,900 00	12,080 27	2,907 76	5,713 57
0	0	6	9,950	500 00	500 00	253 73	168 93
0	0	5	1,776	74 05	176 91	65 52	40 00
0	0	49½	40,571	1,920 00	4,389 40	608 33	1,450 50
0	41	74	231,591	23,001 33	27,027 14	5,242 00	11,473 13
0	6	18	23,467	2,770 67	3,167 45	1,091 51	906 25
0	0	3	1,515	163 33	192 58	110 89	50 00
1	3	13	13,704	1,453 91	1,866 71	367 16	695 00
0	0	35	24,960	6,907 23	9,353 56	2,552 44	2,600 00
0	0	3	2,723	200 00	334 35	150 22	50 00
0	3	4	3,041	300 00	300 00	194 50	104 00
0	2	—	—	200 00	200 00	—	none
1	0	6	11,754	1,000 00	1,321 62	340 13	332 00
2	10	72	135,016	19,485 00	20,831 72	4,302 36	7,868 71
0	0	25	—	1,200 00	2,759 87	399 62	980 00
0	0	30	64,713	3,800 00	3,800 00	1,081 66	2,088 24
1	7	18	11,707	1,515 73	1,883 25	367 34	105 00
0	0	16	6,942	none	1,956 99	273 74	649 75
1	1	23	30,551	2,878 71	2,878 71	972 76	1,219 25
0	0	4	1,950	400 00	400 00	250 00	125 00
0	0	12	12,370	1,000 00	1,081 72	245 76	300 00
0	3	57	30,680	4,325 41	5,239 13	1,342 81	1,701 90
0	0	39	59,961	8,900 00	9,530 00	2,989 90	3,826 00
1	0	—	1,684	50 00	50 00	34 85	13 00
0	3	45	83,171	9,460 00	9,460 00	3,103 39	3,371 93
0	0	15	9,268	none	1,482 50	216 80	520 85
4	364	89	1,069,284	236,558 95	249,836 93	36,273 79	101,905 27
0	6	8	4,697	225 45	631 72	68 31	127 00
1	0	10½	10,281	1,400 00	1,663 00	393 35	545 00
0	0	12	5,800	105 30	1,980 00	655 62	225 00
0	0	4	3,000	105 31	287 63	78 97	103 00
0	0	2	3,245	94 88	129 86	50 00	50 00

